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From the Editors

ROALD DAHL'S BOOKS fired the imaginations of generations of children. Anyone who grew up in the 60s, 70s and 80s would have known him and his creations. From James and his Giant Peach to Matilda and the gross Miss Trunchbull, to Charlie and the deliciously, ridiculously, productive chocolate factory, there would have barely have been a child in Britain who didn't know these characters.

But come the 90s, Dahl had begun to give way to JK Rowling and her world of Harry Potter books. But one Dahl creation has stuck in the collective imagination – a character whose name doesn't appear in the title of the original. Step forward Willy Wonka.

What is it about the mysterious chocolatier that makes him stick in our mind? Possibly it's Gene Hackman's turn in the musical film of 1971. Or perhaps it was Wonka's child-like delight and mischief making, mixed with a hint of adult menace. But for Paul King, the writer and director of the new film *Wonka*, it was the magic of the chocolate factory that made him re-read the book until the pages fell out, as he tells us on page 12.

When King was asked by the producer of the Harry Potter films, David Heyman, to make a new film about Wonka, it wasn't Dahl's text he wanted to bring to life. Instead, he wanted to tell the bit that Dahl had left out – how Willy Wonka became the world's greatest chocolatier. "I was interested in telling the story of Willy Wonka's earlier life," he tells us. "But I didn't want to spoil all the mystery."

With Timothée Chalamet in the lead role and the likes of Rowan Atkinson, Olivia Colman and Hugh Grant in the cast, this is the perfect way to kick off our festive family film special – all chosen to fire imaginations both young and old. We hope you enjoy it.

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TV Vigil

Sunday, Monday, Tuesday 9.00pm BBC1
Amy Silva (Suranne Jones, above right) and Kirsten Longacre (Rose Leslie) look to the skies as the second series of the hit thriller probes the dangers of drone warfare. A triple bill between Sunday and Tuesday ratchets up the tension nicely – and there are three more episodes to come next week.

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TV Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

Sunday 9.00pm BBC2

The game's afoot for the historian, who investigates why the author of the Sherlock Holmes stories fell out of love with his creation.

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FILM

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget

★★★★ **PG**

Available from Friday Netflix

It's poultry in motion once again, as Aardman's claymation brood returns for a belated sequel that's just as witty and wildly ambitious as the original.

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FILM

Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny

★★★★ **12**

Available from Friday Disney+

It's 1969, and Harrison Ford's crumpled hero is called back into action one last time in this rip-roaring and genuinely moving fifth and final entry in the series.

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TV **Mary Berry's Highland Christmas** Wednesday 9.00pm BBC1

An unashamedly festive offering – think fairy lights, snow and some questionable Christmas jumpers – as Mary Berry shares fond memories of Scotland and recipes to fill you with Christmas cheer.



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TV **Doctor Who** Saturday 6.30pm BBC1

In the final 60th anniversary special (don't worry, there's more to come at Christmas), the Doctor (David Tennant) and Donna Noble (Catherine Tate) face a foe he last encountered in the 1960s. Enter the Toymaker – now played by Neil Patrick Harris.



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STREAMING **The Crown** Part 2 of series 6

Available from Thursday **Netflix**
Diana is gone but as the plush royal saga concludes, there's still plenty of drama to get through: while Charles marries Camilla, William (Ed McVey) meets Kate (Meg Bellamy).

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FILM **The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** ★★★ 12

Available from Sunday **Now**
Rachel Joyce's bestselling novel gets a soulful big-screen adaptation, with a twinkly eyed Jim Broadbent pulling on his hiking boots as the pensioner who resolves to walk the 500 miles from south Devon to Berwick-upon-Tweed.

RADIO

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The remarkable story of how Marcel Marceau's talent for mime grew out of his experiences in the French Jewish resistance during the Second World War.
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PODCAST

Unholy: Two Jews on the News

When it began three years ago this podcast was an engaging conversation between journalists Yonit Levi and Jonathan Freedland on all matters Jewish. But ever since the Hamas attacks on 7 October it has morphed into an informative long-view guide to the Israel-Gaza conflict.



NO PARADISE
A hairdryer is the last thing Lori (Sheridan Smith) will need after her plane crash lands on a desert island...



FIRST LOOK

SHERIDAN CRUSOE

She has been no stranger to perilous situations recently, starring in gritty dramas like *No Return* and *Four Lives*, but Sheridan Smith's new thriller *The Castaways*, coming to Paramount+ this Christmas, sees her encounter a new level of jeopardy, despite the exotic beach backdrops. "It felt like a holiday filming in Greece – until I got on set, with all the screaming and crying," she says. "They had wind and rain machines, plus lightning effects. It was really stressful!"

In *The Castaways*, Smith plays Lori, who's stranded on a desert island with strangers (including *The Tourist*'s Lasarus Ratuere, right) and forced to adapt to survive. Months later, in a parallel storyline, her estranged sister Erin (Céline Buckens, star of *Showtrial*) tries to work out what happened, and whether Lori might still be alive.

"I thought that the story within *The Castaways* was a great one to be told, to have two sisters with two very different stories simultaneously. It was so different to anything I had read before," says Smith.

HUW FULLERTON

The Castaways is available on Paramount+ from Boxing Day



GRAPEVINE

The TV stories that are getting us talking...

HAVE NO FEAR

The dream team of **Martin Scorsese** and **Steven Spielberg** is reworking the classic thriller *Cape Fear* for TV. Described as an examination of America's obsession with true crime, the series will update the story, which began as a novel and spawned two films, the latter directed by Scorsese and starring Robert De Niro. US networks and streaming platforms are said to be preparing a bidding war for the highly anticipated drama.



A STUDY IN SWASH

Having planted seeds for *EastEnders*' Christmas "whodunnit" story since February, the BBC is gathering its six suspects for a special interrogation. Fifteen years since he left the soap, **Joe Swash** – aka Mickey Miller – turns detective as he quizzes the actors playing each of the matriarchs who may be a murderer, including Gillian Telford (Kathy), Diane Parish (Denise) and Letitia Dean (Sharon). *EastEnders: the Six – Revealed* airs this Monday at 8pm on BBC3.

NEW KIDS ON THE BLOCK

James Norton has turned producer. His company Rabbit Rack Pictures has just started filming on *Playing Nice*, a thriller about two couples whose children were swapped at birth. Norton's starring alongside Niamh Algar, James McArdle and **Jessica Brown Findlay** (right) in the Cornwall-based four-parter, adapted from a novel by JP Delaney. **ROBIN PARKER**



THIS WEEK ON RADIOTIMES.COM

- The cast of *Wonka* talk about the movie prequel.
- *The Crown* cast on the drama's final episodes.
- *Reacher* author **Lee Child** on season two.
- **PLUS** News, gaming, sport and much more.

SHE'S A SURVIVOR

For Lori (Sheridan Smith) and Felix (Lasarus Ratuere), escaping the crash is just the start of their troubles

TEN QUESTIONS WITH

PATRICK DEMPSEY

The "Sexiest Man Alive" on *Grey's Anatomy*, fast cars and why a brush with a Ferrari made him go bald

■ An actor since the 1980s, Patrick Dempsey may be most famous for playing Derek "McDreamy" Shepherd in the US medical drama *Grey's Anatomy*, but his career stretches beyond his beautiful bedside manner. This year he's already been in slasher movie *Thanksgiving* and won *People* magazine's Sexiest Man Alive award. Now, he's in *Ferrari* – a film about the Italian motorsport dynasty.

Tell us about Piero Taruffi, the character you play in *Ferrari*.

So, he's a Roman, his dad was a doctor, he started motorcycle racing, won a championship, was a polymath, had an incredible mind and was a great engineer. He started working with Ferrari in the 20s. Later he went on to develop a driving school, had a great life and lived into his 80s. I met his daughter and his son. His daughter also raced.

You had to change your look – did you dye your hair grey?

I should have had a wig because we dyed my hair and it started falling out because of the helmet I had on. They dyed my hair so much that towards the end of the shoot, I had this monk halo – all the hair was gone!

What did you think about going bald?

Maybe I should do *Kojak* the remake! But I don't have the shape of head that he did...

DREAM DATE
As Derek Shepherd, with Ellen Pompeo as Meredith Grey, in *Grey's Anatomy*

'I had a clear goal: I wanted to get on the podium at Le Mans'

PATRICK DEMPSEY

You wait years for a racing film, then suddenly there's one every few weeks...

Drive to Survive [Netflix's Formula One documentary] opened people's eyes to the sport and how dynamic it is. The drama, the passion, the danger, the glamour, but also the humanity of it all.

Even Brad Pitt's doing a Formula One movie right now. My concern is racing might become overexposed and fans might be disappointed. We need to be careful.

You've raced cars for many years. Would you swap a good script for a fast car?

I've always felt more comfortable in



ACTING...
As Italian racing driver Piero Taruffi in the film *Ferrari*

with film-makers in the category of [*Ferrari* director] Michael Mann, and do independent films like this one. That means you have to be very careful, financially. But the role size doesn't matter for me, it's about the quality of the experience. Anytime you go after something for the money, it's always a disaster. Yeah, you get to buy more s**t and pay more taxes, but you're not happy. You know?

Are you speaking from experience?

Oh, definitely. Totally projecting that. But that's something that's important to learn. And you realise the older you get

and the more success you have, the less you need.

How much did starring in *Grey's Anatomy* change your life?

Well, certain shows change your life, or how people perceive you, and allow other doors to open up. I think the greatest gift that success has given me has been the ability to open up a foundation in my hometown. It's called the Dempsey Center. We support people who have been impacted by cancer. We don't treat the disease, we treat the person.

What's the biggest lesson you have learnt in your career?

When I was in Rome, working on a project, I discovered Marcus Aurelius's stoicism. And one of the things that I took away is that we are here to serve, and if you do something that is of service, then that's real meaning and that's real wealth. That is something that, as a society, we need to get back to. Because with TikTok and having to look a certain way... at the end of the day [life] is quite empty. But when you're doing something positive for the collective, that's real wealth. **JAMES MOTTRAM**

Ferrari opens in cinemas on 26 December and will be on Sky Cinema next year



...AND RACING
A competitor in the American Le Mans Series in 2012

the racing community than I have in Hollywood. Although I actually started off wanting to be Ingemar Stenmark, who, in the 70s, was the greatest skier of his era. He was my idol. I actually met him this year. I accidentally ran into him, and I never get starstruck but I hugged him and started crying. So, I wanted to be a ski racer, but I just kind of fell into acting by accident. And then my dad was a big fan of racing, so I got into that.

You're still competing now. Does your wife [Dempsey is married to celebrity make-up artist Jillian Fink, with whom he has three children] not tell you to quit motorsport?

I think she actually got tired of me being around the house so much. And the kids! No, I mean, it's very concerning. And I had to stop [for a while] because of that. It's a huge sacrifice. I was working nonstop. And then racing on the weekends. But I had a clear goal when I set out: I wanted to get on the podium at Le Mans. I achieved that in the World Endurance Championship in 2015. After that, I couldn't justify the sacrifices and it was damaging my family too much.

Do you set acting goals, too?

For me right now, it's really to work

WHAT IT'S LIKE TO...

make wigs for a queen



HEAD HEADQUARTERS
Some of Alex Rouse's team of wigmakers

HEAD OF STATE
Imelda Staunton in *The Crown*

Alex Rouse's wigmaking studio is in Tottenham, north London. With a team of 15 others, she has made wigs for French and Saunders, the *Harry Potter* franchise and series three to six of *The Crown*.

go over the scalp. Where possible, we try to incorporate the actor's own hair. We use fine mohair to get rid of the hairline, so it looks natural.

TRAINING WITH A BIGWIG

I wanted to be a hair and make-up artist for film and television, like my older sister, so I went to the London College of Fashion. There was a wig-making course, which I loved. While studying, I joined a wigmaker's, where I stayed for ten years. I learnt the craft from Ray Marston, who was the best, and eventually started my own company. There are only a few of us doing this job, it's quite niche.

HAIR ESSENTIALS You can't dress and style synthetic hair properly. We use ethically sourced human hair bought from hair merchants who will match the colour and texture for us. We work closely with the hair and make-up designer – Cate Hall on *The Crown* made incredible books of reference for the characters as they aged.



HEAD HONCHO
Alex Rouse

GETTING A HEAD At the wig fitting, we take the actor's head-shape measurements with clingfilm and sellotape. We look at the colours with them and choose the right skin tone lace to

A WIG ASK Ideally I need three weeks to make just one wig. It's all done by hand. I look at everything very critically. When I watch the shows, I don't think it looks all wrong, but I automatically think, "How could I do that differently?" It was great on *The Crown*, because each series, we did each wig over and over again, so we could make them slightly better. Then I can sit and enjoy the production.

CROWNING GLORY

Diana's wig in this series of *The Crown* was tricky, because everybody knows exactly what she looked like. With the Queen, as she got older she basically kept the same look, but it was about softly adjusting the colours.

A CUT ABOVE

Most of the main characters on *The Crown* have four to six wigs each. One wig can cost thousands of pounds – when we worked on *Game of Thrones* and *House of the Dragon*, they were much more expensive, because they were very labour-intensive. **LAURA RUTKOWSKI**

The Crown series 6 episodes 5–10 are on Netflix from Thursday. Feature p28

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VIEWPOINT

HOLMES
UNDER THE
HAMMER

Arthur Conan Doyle hated the detective who made him famous, says **Lucy Worsley**



SUCCESSFUL PEOPLE MIGHT appear confident, but behind the facade there often lurks shame, self-doubt, and dark secrets...

Take Arthur Conan Doyle, who went from obscurity to worldwide fame in a few short years, after *The Strand Magazine* began publishing his Sherlock Holmes stories in 1891.

His lovely home was featured in gossip magazines. He passed his time playing cricket, riding with his wife on their penny-farthing tandem and churning out more stories, for which he earned even more money. A cultural superstar, in 1902 Arthur was even knighted by the King. Could anyone look more like a member of the Establishment?

But beneath the surface he was a discontented man. Much of it was to do with status anxiety. When Arthur was a child in Edinburgh, his family had known hardship, and he longed to put his past behind him. He loved football, and as an adult even played in goal for Portsmouth. But he did so under a false name – AC Smith – because it wasn't the sort of thing respectable gentlemen did.

And Arthur's family had secrets. None of his grand London friends knew that his father was addicted to alcohol and spent many years in an asylum. Meanwhile, Arthur's "Mam", as he called her, was his biggest fan, and helped him

out with ideas for plots. But with her husband absent, Mam had formed a relationship with a younger man.

The secrets continued even under Arthur's own roof. His wife, Louisa, known as Touie, had tuberculosis and became an invalid, so Arthur sought solace in the arms of a youthful opera singer. He was even worried about his weight, taking up a quack fitness programme to get fighting fit for the Boer War. It was humiliating when the Army rejected him.

IN THE RUSH of his writing career, Arthur grew estranged from his children. Tragically, a chance of reconciliation was lost when his eldest son Kingsley died of pneumonia just before the end of the Great War. Arthur – the creator of the super-rational Sherlock Holmes, who had a scientific explanation for everything – now found himself drawn towards spiritualism, consulting mediums to try to contact his dead boy.

But perhaps Arthur's biggest secret was the fact that he'd long hated Holmes. He blamed his detective for preventing him from achieving his dream, which was to be recognised for highbrow historical fiction.

It took Arthur ages to find a publisher for his marvellous Sherlock stories, because he started looking in the wrong place. He longed to be

published in the intellectual *Cornhill Magazine*. Only after they, and two others, rejected Mr Holmes, was he finally accepted by a fourth, much trashier, publisher. They said the work was exactly what they were looking for: "cheap fiction". So, as soon as he felt he had enough money to do without Holmes, Arthur killed him off. In 1893 he published the story where Holmes falls to his death over a Swiss waterfall.

A decade later, though, Arthur was lured to resurrect him when an American publisher offered him the equivalent of \$1.6 million. He wrote a story revealing that Holmes had survived the waterfall after all!

Arthur must have hated himself. And he would have hated the fact that today, 93 years after his death, his historical novels lie unread, while his "cheap" – but beloved – detective lives for ever on our screens.

So many of us worry about how we are perceived by others and whether we have done the right things in our lives. Perhaps it's consoling to think that even the people who seem to have fame, success and achievement may still secretly lack their heart's desire. After all, to fail is only human. And you don't have to be Sherlock Holmes to work that out.

Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle is on Sunday 9.00pm BBC2



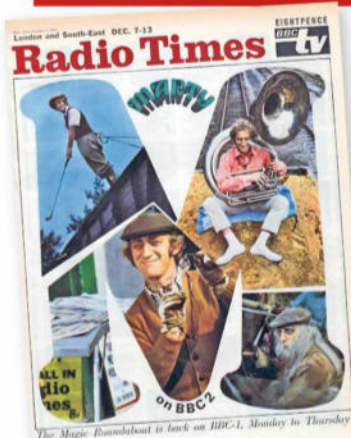
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Worsley and a statue of Sherlock Holmes in Meiringen, Switzerland, near the fateful Reichenbach Falls

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Comedian Marty Feldman was back in his own, self-titled sketch series. Feldman began in the business by writing for the ITV sitcom *Bootsie and Snudge* and the popular radio programme *Round the Horne*, both with longtime work partner Barry Took. "It was pure chance that turned me back into a comic," he told *Radio Times*. "Barry and I had been writing

some sketches for *The Frost Report*. Through this I met John Cleese, Graham Chapman and Tim Brooke-Taylor."

This led to appearing in the influential *At Last the 1948 Show*, then his own show. And there was never a shortage of material: "Barry and I always have more ideas than there's time to write them," he said. "It's sheer fear!" **MARK BRAXTON**

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THE DIRECTOR'S CUT

'WONKA IS A MAN OF MYSTERY'



This is the story of Roald Dahl's hero before he became famous, writes director Paul King

When I was a child, I loved *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. It was one of the first books I read myself, and I read it again and again until the pages fell out. I remember loving the wild comedy, the crazy characters and the magic and mayhem of the chocolate factory. But when David Heyman, the producer behind the *Harry Potter* films, mentioned the idea of making a Wonka movie, I read it again and realised it also has an incredibly rich, almost Dickensian emotional core. Charlie is such a kind, decent little boy and his family's poverty causes them such suffering. The fact he goes on to inherit the factory, a more wonderful gift than he could ever have imagined, had me in floods of tears – and the prospect of trying to make a film that captured Dahl's spirit was too exciting to turn down.

I began by drafting the story I wanted to tell and then worked with Simon Farnaby to craft that into a screenplay. We've worked together for a long time, including on *Paddington 2*, and as well as being a fantastic writer he's a wonderful performer. We act out the scenes between us as we go along. My performance is wooden and awkward, of course, but his is marvellous and it means I start to believe in the lines and understand how they work best. He sets a very high bar for the real actors in my mind! He's also prepared to tolerate sitting in a room with me for years on end without complaining about the smell, so he's a gentleman, too!

The Wonka in Dahl's *Charlie and*

'I'M THE REAL

Willy Wonka

It's the biggest film this Christmas – the origin story of Willy Wonka. But how did the producers make his scrumdiddlyumptious creations for real? Step forward expert chocolatier Gabriella Cugno



MASTER MAGICIAN
Timothée Chalamet as the eponymous Wonka

Wonka
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Christmas FILM SPECIAL

■ “I LOVE CITRUS in chocolates, like orange. And I absolutely love using tea, such as oolong, Earl Grey, assam and masala chai. And I adore lots of spices. And nuts! – they’re probably my favourite ingredient. I love texture. Having soft, crunchy, crispy – all those things together.”

It’s not quite “mallow from the mallow marshes of Peru” or “caramel salted with the bitter tears of a Russian clown” but when chocolatier Gabriella Cugno starts to talk about her passion for chocolate, flavours and textures, it’s exciting and engrossing and utterly hunger-inducing.

Which is just as it should be, considering the 29-year-old chocolatier is the creator and designer of every single piece of chocolate used in the new *Wonka* movie, inspired by Roald Dahl’s *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*.

“I like to say I was Wonka... for a year,” Cugno laughs. But in fact she has been crafting *Wonka* bars, bites and fancies by the truckload for the past two and a half years.

Yet you won’t discover this *Wonka wunderkind* in a fantastical sprawling factory, or even in a perfect little London boutique. No, to find Cugno you need to follow an unremarkable side road in Cardiff, where, nestled behind a community centre, you’ll find her small but perfectly formed kitchen.

Cugno had no previous experience in film-making when the *Wonka* team got in touch with her back in 2021, but soon she was a crucial member of the set, based in a special on-site kitchen ready to whip up every confectionary concoction director Paul King and his team could think of – even down to the chocolate teacups she had to create by hand in a matter of hours.

“That was high pressure,” she recalls. “I was terrified about the cup breaking because it has a handle on it, is really thin, and made out of pure chocolate. I was like, ‘Please don’t have really hot hands!’ But every >

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Christmas FILM SPECIAL

◀ *the Chocolate Factory* is a bit of a mystery. Grandpa Joe tells lots of stories about him, but they all concern the time *after* he became the world's greatest chocolatier. I was interested in telling another, longer story of Willy Wonka's earlier life, but I didn't want to spoil all the mystery. So, the first shot of our film has Willy appearing out of the fog, a sort of story-book apparition. You do learn more about his background over the course of the film, but I didn't want to explain everything as I felt it would make him more mundane and less magical.

And then, there's the chocolate of course... Well, the 'hoverchocs' are fantastic. Sadly, they don't literally make you fly, but Gabriella Cugno, our very own chocolatier, made the most exquisite creations. And I can personally vouch for the fact they are also the most delicious chocolates I've ever had. You bite into them and there's that perfect chocolatey snap, and as they melt in your mouth, you taste more and more delicate flavours. My favourite part of the whole process was tasting (which I did far more often than was technically necessary) – I think I gained about 50 pounds!

And everything consumed in the movie is properly edible and tasty, even the flowers and leaves! There was an amazing thing on set one day. I was remembering the bit [in the 1971 movie, *Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory*] where Gene Wilder eats a teacup. And I was like, "Oh, if only I'd thought of this, we could have a chocolate cup that Willy could make." And Gabriella replied, "Oh, I can do that." We only had an hour before we had to film the scene – possibly with multiple takes – but she was unfazed. And she went away and created half a dozen perfect little cups and saucers, made of what looked like different blue leaves. And I just thought, "I need you in my life." Sadly, I can't employ her full-time, but maybe if the movie does well, I can hire her 24/7!

In *Wonka*, I feel we have made the perfect Christmas movie. It's like a great chocolate. It's got a fun, colourful exterior and a warm, sweet centre that will leave you with a delicious aftertaste! And while it would be great fun to scoff the whole box down on your own, you're better off sharing it with your family and friends.

WILLY WONKA TIMOTHÉE CHALAMET

PAUL KING: Timothée gives an absolutely extraordinary performance. Willy is strange and unnerving, funny and charming but with a glint of steel; Timothée somehow keeps all these plates spinning at once. He needed to be able to sing and dance and deliver a very carefully choreographed performance, yet also dig deep into his emotions – I was constantly amazed.

NOODLE CALAH LANE

PK: Willy Wonka is very enthusiastic. He wants to try things out and naively assumes it'll all come out all right in the end. It's an endearingly childlike sort of quality, whereas Noodle has an old head on young shoulders. She's from the School of Hard Knocks in the great Dahl tradition of suffering children, and it's brought her a cynicism and negativity that is very different from Willy's attitude. We really did scour the world to find somebody who could capture this spirit, and I think Calah's magnificent.

FATHER JULIUS ROWAN ATKINSON

PK: Rowan is one of my long-time comedy heroes and it was an honour and delight to work with him. He plays a priest at the city cathedral (it's not his first time in clerical attire) and he has to answer a phone with the words, "Hello, pulpit!" It's the sort of line that only Rowan could deliver!

WILLY'S MAMA SALLY HAWKINS

PK: This film is set before Willy became the more cynical soul we meet in the factory. Our Willy is – at the start, at least – wide-eyed and optimistic. He believes that if you have talent and work hard your dreams can come true. It's an uncomplicated view, learnt from his mother as a young boy, just before she passed away. To his childish mind, she is the greatest chocolate-maker of all time, and he has spent years striving to recapture a taste. He's not driven by fame, success or financial gain, but rather recapturing the feeling he had eating his mama's chocolate as a little boy.



MRS SCRUBBIT OLIVIA COLMAN

PK: Mrs Scrubbit runs a wash house with her long-suffering partner-slash-underling Bleacher, played by Tom Davis. They're very Dahl-esque villains and what's great about Olivia is she's not only very funny – and a terrific actress – but she can also be absolutely terrifying.



AN OOMPA-LOOMPA HUGH GRANT

PK: I loved working with Hugh on *Paddington 2*, and would cheerfully work with him every day for the rest of my life. He's one of the funniest people I've ever met, and he certainly has a naughty side, so I think he sits very comfortably in Dahl's universe.

The Oompa-Loompas don't have much dialogue in the books but they do have these long songs where they take an almost gleeful pleasure in the demise of all the ghastly children who tour the factory. They're so funny and biting and scornful, and as I was reading them, Hugh's voice kept coming into my head. From there, it wasn't a huge step to go, "Wouldn't it be funny to see him 18 inches high with bright green hair and orange skin?" It was perfect.

◁ time Timothée would take a bite out of it, he was very, very careful. He was really considerate of the chocolates.

"The whole job was a dream. It was so inspirational. I absolutely loved it. And everything you see them eat is real! It's all chocolate."

So no, there was no Hollywood fakery or wax chocolate in sight, even when the script called for a delicate chocolate flower able to survive multiple takes and tricky filming conditions.

"I'd have to think about the studio lights," she says. "It might be hot. Or it might be really cold. I had to think about who'd be handling it. And how, if it's going to be waved around."

Today, Cugno is in her Cardiff kitchen demonstrating just how she made one of her trickiest creations – the green-winged 'hoverchoc', an insect-inspired treat that flies and buzzes around in the finished film. Cugno paints the eggshell-thin chocolate wings by hand, and it can take her a day to make 20 finished versions of the sweet. For the film, she estimates she had to make between 700 and 900.

"Usually, insect wings look quite delicate and fine, see-through," Cugno says. "But chocolate is opaque and brown and solid. How do I make this delicate? So I put holes in it, so you could see through the wing, and it'd seem lighter."

The finished creations look like dainty ceramics – you'd never know that at the mere touch of

'Everything you see them eat is real! It's all chocolate'

GABRIELLA CUGNO

a warm hand, they'd start to melt. But they didn't just have to look good. Cugno was determined that every item would also taste right, ideally corresponding to how they're described in the film. Presumably, though, she couldn't source "condensed thunder clouds and liquid sunlight" or "the distilled milk of a giraffe?"

"I couldn't quite get those exact ingredients," she deadpans. Instead, she lets me try what she cooked up for the centre of her hoverchoc. It's dark and delicious, with a hint of salt and studded with sharp raspberries.

"I tried to make them taste as nice as possible, because I also knew that some of the actors might have to eat one 20 times," she says. "I tried my best not to make them too rich, and have some fruitiness in there, so that it would cut through the sweetness."

Cugno may have a nougat-soft exterior and is brimming with passion and enthusiasm, but this belies a tough toffee-like core – especially when it comes to her creations. When *RT* offers to help set up the delicate hoverchoc shells, we're politely but firmly forbidden from touching them. Later, Cugno takes charge of our shoot, leading the photographer through what is and isn't possible – or professional – for her to



**BREAKING
THE MOULD**
Cardiff-based
chocolatier
Gabriella Cugno

demonstrate with her melted chocolate.

It shouldn't come as a surprise – after all, she's been single-minded in her pursuit of this chocolate-making dream for almost half her life. Again, it's easy to draw parallels between her journey and that of the fictional Wonka. Like him, she's clearly been driven by a desire to innovate. Her work has also taken her across the globe, from catering massive events in India to eating cocoa beans fresh from the vine in Trinidad and Tobago. And, like Wonka, she was inspired to dream of a future in food by family cooks – in his case, his mother; in hers by her Sicilian and Welsh grandparents who first taught her to make Welsh cakes as a child.

WHILE STILL AT her Cardiff comprehensive she was working in kitchens and spending almost every waking moment trying to improve her skills. "When I moved to London to work in hotels," she recalls, "I'd stay behind, work with chocolate, and figure out new things to do with it. And if there wasn't that much chocolate, I'd enter myself into competitions. I've always wanted to push myself."

Having dedicated her life to the sweet confection, I have to ask, what is it about chocolate?

"What a question..." she muses. "There's just so much you can do with it! You can create so many amazing tastes, but there's also a sculptural element, and an art element. There are so many possibilities, flavour the most important."

"But beyond all that, chocolate's a very nostalgic thing," she adds. Recently, she met a chef who tried one of her caramel toffee mousse chocolates and became emotional at the memory it evoked. "She said, 'It takes me back to my childhood in such a big way.'"

In *Wonka*, the titular hero is also trying to recapture something of his childhood in creating his mother's trademark chocolate bar – something Cugno says resonated with her when she first read the script.

"When you bite into that chocolate, it'll take you right back to sitting on the sofa with your family, watching your favourite TV show, or eating it one Christmas," she says. "It's so special when these things happen. Really, that's what it's all about for me."

HUW FULLERTON

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget

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BACK IN 2000, Aardman Animations' *Chicken Run* set such a high bar – and was such a box-office hit – that a sequel seemed inevitable. While no one expected the studio to knock out a quick cash-in, even its makers seem surprised that it took more than 20 years. On the back burner until seven years ago, it took a one-line pitch by writer Karey Kirkpatrick to set the wheels in motion: "This time, they're breaking in."

The reversal of the original's *Great Escape*-esque plot is "a sort of *Chicken: Impossible*", says director Sam Fell – and elements of James Bond, Gerry Anderson and even *The Truman Show* soon fell into place. "We wanted more jeopardy, with action heroes attacking a giant factory farm. We figured being turned into nuggets was the worst thing chickens could face."

Advances in CGI, 3D printing and virtual reality design in the intervening years helped to liberate the creatives' imagination and scale up the action. The first film played out largely in one location, but in *Dawn of the Nugget* there are more than 100 sets, bigger crowds of chickens (with CGI background characters) and a lot more human/chicken interaction.

Fell, who started at Aardman as assistant to founder Peter Lord, wanted to keep the world as handcrafted as possible, with a small-scale family story propelling the action. Initial drafts

were reconfigured to focus more on Ginger and daughter Molly's relationship, with *Motherland* writer Holly Walsh and *Ghosts*' Ben Willbond and Laurence Rickard helping with the jokes.

"Giving Ginger – a strong female channelling a freedom fighter – a daughter who's a chip off the old block created a central conflict," Fell says.

Bella Ramsey, star of apocalyptic *The Last of Us* and BBC1's *Time*, makes their Aardman debut as Molly. "We felt very lucky to get Bella just after *Game of Thrones* as they're clearly going far," Fell says. "They've got a unique voice and brought humour and intelligence to Molly."

MORE CONTROVERSIAL WAS the recasting of Molly's parents. Zachary Levi takes over from Mel Gibson as Rocky, while Julia Sawalha, Ginger in the first film, published an open letter in 2020 saying that she'd been told she now sounded "too old" for a character that she'd created with Nick Park and Peter Lord. Casting Thandiwe Newton, only four years Sawalha's junior, in the role has raised eyebrows.

Three years on, Fell praises the "fantastic" original cast, but states, "As a new director, I made my creative choices, and the story is set much later on." Newton was cast, he says, due to the "strength and vulnerability" she brought to sci-fi drama *Westworld*. "It's been such a long time since the first film, and there's a real complexity now that Ginger's a mother."

ROBIN PARKER

3 GENIE

Available now **Now**

In the latest festive film from *Love Actually*'s Richard Curtis, a man who's lost track of what's important in life (Paapa Essiedu) summons a genie (Melissa McCarthy, right).

4 NEXT GOAL WINS

In cinemas **Boxing Day**

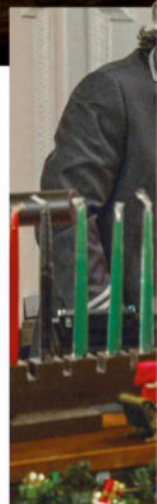
Taika Waititi, director of *Jojo Rabbit*, tells the true story of American Samoa's infamously bad national football team. As the 2014 World Cup qualifiers approach, coach Thomas Rongen (Michael Fassbender) hopes to turn their luck around.

5 CANDY CANE LANE

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Desperate to win his neighbourhood's Christmas decorating contest, Chris Carver (Eddie Murphy) seeks help from an elf.



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PLUCKY CUSTOMERS

Ginger (third from right and voiced by Thandiwe Newton) leads a daring break-in in *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget*

INDIANA JONES AND THE DIAL OF DESTINY

Available from Friday Disney+ Toby Jones, Mads Mikkelsen and Antonio Banderas star alongside Phoebe Waller-Bridge and Harrison Ford (below), with the latter receiving the CGI de-aging treatment for a final Indy adventure. See review: page 34

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◀ TACTICS

Left: Michael Fassbender (with David Fane) stars as a Dutch football coach in the comedy drama *Next Goal Wins*

7 THE FAMILY PLAN

Available from Friday

Apple TV+

In this action comedy a retired assassin (Mark Wahlberg) takes his family on an impromptu trip to Las Vegas to confront past enemies – while hoping to hide the truth from his wife and kids.

8 THE SUPER MARIO BROS MOVIE

From Christmas Day Now

Based on the Nintendo game, this adventure comedy sees Mario (Chris Pratt) and his brother Luigi (Charlie Day) on a magical journey to rescue the captured Princess Peach (Anya Taylor-Joy).

9 SPIDER-MAN: ACROSS THE SPIDER-VERSE

From 22 December Now

This acclaimed sequel finds Miles Morales, a teen Spider-Man, face a new foe in a multiverse created by ground-breaking animation.

10 PAW PATROL: THE MOVIE

Christmas C4

In an animated TV series spin-off, ten-year-old Ryder and his search-and-rescue pups set out to save Adventure City from evil Mayor Humdinger.



PETER RABBIT 2: THE RUNAWAY

Christmas BBC1

Voiced by James Corden, Peter Rabbit returns with more antics after trading the farm for big city life.

12 THE ADDAMS FAMILY 2

Christmas BBC1

Morticia (Charlize Theron) and Gomez (Oscar Isaac) try to bond with their children by planning a holiday in this 2021 sequel.

13 TOY STORY 4

Christmas BBC1

In Pixar's 2019 box-office sensation, child Bonnie makes Forky, a toy crafted from a plastic spork, which soon shocks Woody and the crew by coming to life and questioning his very existence.

14 THE LION KING

Christmas BBC1

The 2019 live-action version of the Disney classic boasts a stellar voice cast, including James Earl Jones, Chiwetel Ejiofor and Beyoncé.

15 THE CROODS: A NEW AGE

Christmas BBC1

In this follow-up to the 2013 film, the titular cave family find their perfect home, but they don't see eye to eye with their possibly more intelligent landowners.

16 THE WITCHES

Christmas BBC1

Anne Hathaway is a terrifying child-hating witch in this retelling of the Roald Dahl novel from 2020, with strong support from Octavia Spencer and Stanley Tucci.

17 AQUAMAN & THE LOST KINGDOM

In cinemas from 21 December

Aquaman (Jason Momoa) teams up with his half-brother Orm (Patrick Wilson) to bring down supervillain Black Manta (Yahya Abdul-Mateen II).

18 THE BOY AND THE HERON

In cinemas from Boxing Day

This fantastical tale from Japanese animators Studio Ghibli and director Hayao Miyazaki follows a young boy who enters an abandoned tower and meets a talking grey heron.

LAURA RUTKOWSKI

VIGIL IS FLYING HIGH

The first series was the most watched BBC drama in years – can **Suranne Jones** follow up that success as she swaps her submarine for the skies?

INTERVIEWS BY **GABRIEL TATE**

IN 2021, THE first series of the preposterously enjoyable – and enjoyably preposterous – *Vigil* became the most watched new British drama since *Bodyguard* three years earlier, attracting more than 13 million viewers. It followed Suranne Jones's DCI Amy Silva onto the nuclear submarine HMS *Vigil* as she investigated a death on board.

How do you follow a smash hit with such a singular setting? "Well, it's better than being told you're back by the skin of your teeth," reasons series creator Tom Edge (pictured below). "We knew we'd exhausted the submarine as a domain, but we wanted somewhere new to ask interesting questions about Britain's place in the world, while retaining the isolation of a police detective stripped of her usual resources and forced to use deduction and ingenuity."

So, *RT* went on location for the new series on a dreich Scottish day by the River Clyde in Greenock where scenes are being filmed with Jones and new cast members Dougray Scott and Romola Garai. When a botched demonstration of hi-tech drones for the fictional Middle Eastern state of Wudyan leaves British Army personnel dead and a multi-billion pound arms deal in the balance, Silva and her personal and professional partner Kirsten Longacre (Rose Leslie) are again called in to investigate. Their scrutiny attracts resistance from RAF top brass including Air Vice Marshal Marcus Grainger (Scott) and Squadron Leader Eliza Russell (Garai).

"In the first series we tried to explore how rational, heartfelt loyalties might be pitted against each other, rather

than deliver finger-wagging lectures," explains Edge, who is delighted to have another chance to craft a high-octane entrée to serious contemporary issues. "This time, I wanted to disabuse people of the notion that Britain can be a bastion of absolute morality in the world without ever getting our hands dirty or making difficult choices."

"We should be thinking about how weapons we develop and supply could be used, about the relationship between diplomacy and arms manufacturers and how Britain uses its influence and expertise in very challenging parts of the world. What are the trade-offs?"

AS HE WAS with Britain's "Continuous At-Sea Deterrent", Edge is careful to give all sides of the argument an airing. "We were well under way with this new series before Russia invaded Ukraine, and a lot of the things we'd been reading were really borne out there, in particular the battlefield shift to tanks being taken down by single-use shoulder launch missiles or by munitions dropped from cheap, repurposed commercial drones."

"The flip side is that they can be used by the same set of remote operators for crowd surveillance, tear gas dispersal and tracking suspects. Who buys this equipment, and for what purpose? A lot of people feel strongly about there being a line of responsibility so that, where possible, decisions are made in a way that feels commensurate with our national values. I hope the series enables people to examine these issues and times – and the times that might lie just ahead of us – as well as having some good, twisty-turny fun with it."





SURANNE JONES

DETECTIVE CHIEF INSPECTOR AMY SILVA

What did you make of the success of the first series?

Vigil came along at a special but bizarre time for TV, when everyone had watched everything they possibly could during lockdown. Then new programmes started to appear and people wanted to be taken on a ride – and *Vigil* was a huge ride. We're in a different situation now, so if this series even manages to poke its head above the sea of content then I'll be thrilled. Above all, I remember feeling really pleased that it made people happy and got them talking. It made me realise that TV really does matter to people.

Did you have reservations about returning?

I signed up for one series but there was always a clause in the contract that there could be a second. I had some questions! *Vigil* is part of the Police Scotland motto "Always Vigilant", so that made sense. Then they told me about the scale of what they wanted to achieve: the first one was claustrophobic, so when they talked about this being the opposite, I wondered whether they could actually achieve it. I told them: if you can, I'm in.

Bring us up to speed on what's happened to Amy since the first series.

We're nearly two years on and Amy is settled with Kirsten, who's pregnant with their child – they still have Amy's daughter Poppy as well, who's now 12. It was great to play this same-sex relationship where both women are very career-driven and questioning their roles. They've decided to have a family, but perhaps not thought enough about the overall picture, and the middle of another dangerous mission might not prove the ideal time to do that. The MoD has decided Amy is the person to lead this investigation because of her report on *Vigil* and her ego is a bit pumped by this, although once again she thinks it's only going to take a few days. She never learns!

Rose Leslie is pregnant in real life in series two, just as she was for series one. Is there something in *Vigil's* watercoolers?

It is amazing. I asked her whether she'd be having a third if there was a *Vigil 3* and she gave me a pretty firm "no". It was a blessing for the show as well, because although they had to rewrite some of it, it has really rooted our characters. Viewers will be in no doubt as to where these two women are in their relationship.

How would you describe Amy's relationship with Marcus Grainger (Dougray Scott) and Eliza Russell (Romola Garai)?

She felt very out of her depth on the submarine, but this time she knows she won't be welcomed so she's there with more chutzpah. She knows ►

BATTLE GROUND

DCI Amy Silva (Suranne Jones) enters closed ranks of the air force when she is ordered to investigate suspicious deaths

‘When I was approached about a second series, I had questions!’

SURANNE JONES



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JOINING FORCES

Kirsten (Rose Leslie) and Amy Silva (Suranne Jones) in series one

◀ what she's getting with Grainger but she likes having another woman like Eliza who's in control. She knows where she is with spiky people, like I do, really. I like people who are ballsy, brusque and blunt.

Morocco represents Wudyan in the series – what was it like filming there?

Hotter and drier than Greenock! I found some deodorant called Akt, made by these two musical theatre guys who obviously sweat a lot on stage, so I covered myself in that every morning because the moment you stepped out in that heat, you would be pouring. The costume department made us smaller and smaller outfits, so if the camera was high

'I like people who are ballsy, brusque and blunt'

enough, we could wear shorts. We were in Casablanca and Rabat and, although I can't say what we filmed out there, I can't wait to see it – it felt very blockbusterish. I tried to learn French with my driver, too, and I thought I was doing well, but I can't remember a thing now.

You're certainly not cutting corners on the action sequences...

No, I did quite a lot of those. I'm getting older so I get more tired, pretty much crawling from the finish straight into the bath. I had a doctor in because I was so run-down after we got back from Morocco, and she asked me, "What have you done?" I just thought, "Well, what *haven't* they put me through?" But I love all that and all the stunt people were really up for me doing as much as they could – being a 45-year-old asked to do these very physical set pieces was great. But with this kind of rollercoaster show, you've got to walk the line. At one point, I'm fighting someone and then I do a roll like Starsky and Hutch! Do you fight that on the set or go: no, that's part of it, that's the fun?

Did it inspire you to buy a drone?

We have a very small one in the house that cost about £10 in a secret Santa. I always panic when it comes out because we've got two small dogs, and I have a lot of nice things in my living room.

LINE OF DEFENCE

To begin with Eliza (Romola Garai) puts up barriers to the inquiry



'Fighting wars today feels more like playing a computer game'

ROMOLA GARAI

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SQUADRON LEADER ELIZA RUSSELL

How does Eliza become involved in this series?

Her superior officer has returned to the UK for cancer treatment, so she's stepped up to run the squadron in Wudyan, which is remotely overseeing the weapons demonstration in Scotland. She feels threatened by Amy initially, although they both want to solve the crime.

Is this your first time playing a military figure?

Yes, it's fascinating to enter a world where people choose to live their lives in a very rigid system. It wouldn't be for me, because I'm very physically lazy and loathe being told what to do! To be honest, I was surprised to be approached because this isn't the sort of job I normally get. But I loved being able to run around with a gun and do a different kind of acting to the emotional stuff I usually do. This one is about storytelling.

What was the biggest revelation for you?

Wars aren't really fought in the way that we used to understand them. Now it feels more like people playing a computer game. The idea of legalised killing has come under the spotlight because of drone warfare – human emotional reactions are becoming further and further removed from the act of killing.

Did you enjoy filming in Morocco?

It was great – we filmed on an actual working airbase, which had been built by the Americans but was used by the Moroccan Air Force, so we were walking around in our berets with pretend guns while a load of other people were carrying actual guns. There was bemusement on both sides.

DOUGRAY SCOTT

AIR VICE MARSHAL MARCUS GRAINGER

Does military life appeal to you?

Joining the Army was an option when I was a kid growing up in Fife, but it wasn't something I was comfortable doing. I've met a lot of soldiers and I've got a lot of time for them; I like playing them. The British Army is supposed to be apolitical, although sometimes I think they're used unwisely and it's surprising how political some soldiers are. They aren't all right wing, either, by any means, but very aware of the role the British Army has been asked to play over the years and not always comfortable with that.

Are you a natural leader of men and women?

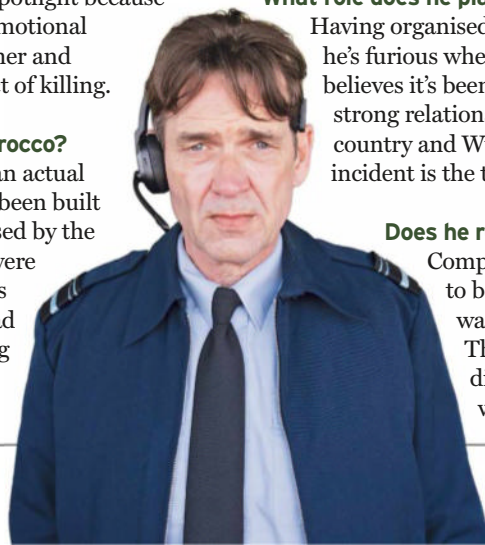
They'll follow me anywhere... Honestly, I don't know how I'd behave in this kind of situation! Marcus is all smoke and mirrors and keeps everything close to his chest. He's good at what he does and has a *realpolitik* view of the world. He's a staunch patriot who'd do anything to defend his country, and oils the wheels to make sure the UK is positioned correctly in the world.

What role does he play as events unfold?

Having organised the demonstration, he's furious when it goes wrong. He believes it's been done to sour the strong relationship between our country and Wudyan. But this incident is the tip of the iceberg.

Does he regard Amy as a pain?

Completely. He likes to be in control so he wants her to go away. The power struggle is difficult for someone with his ego.



To conclude *Planet Earth III*, Sir David Attenborough thanks the people dedicated to saving the Earth and its wildlife

WE STARTED MAKING the very first *Planet Earth* series just over 20 years ago. But the truth is, most of the animals we have filmed over these last two decades are now rarer than they were. And the places where they live are in greater danger of destruction. But I've seen another change, a hopeful change – a new generation of remarkable people are stepping up to save wildlife. They are overcoming huge obstacles, travelling to dangerous places, sometimes even risking their lives. To me, they are true heroes.

The natural world is our life support system – the fabric that holds our world together. Remove a part of it – a species or habitat – and there's no knowing what could happen. Across the world the numbers of wild animals are falling alarmingly. We are facing a disaster – a catastrophe. Scientists say we are on the edge of a mass extinction. It's been caused by humans, so humans also have the power to stop it.

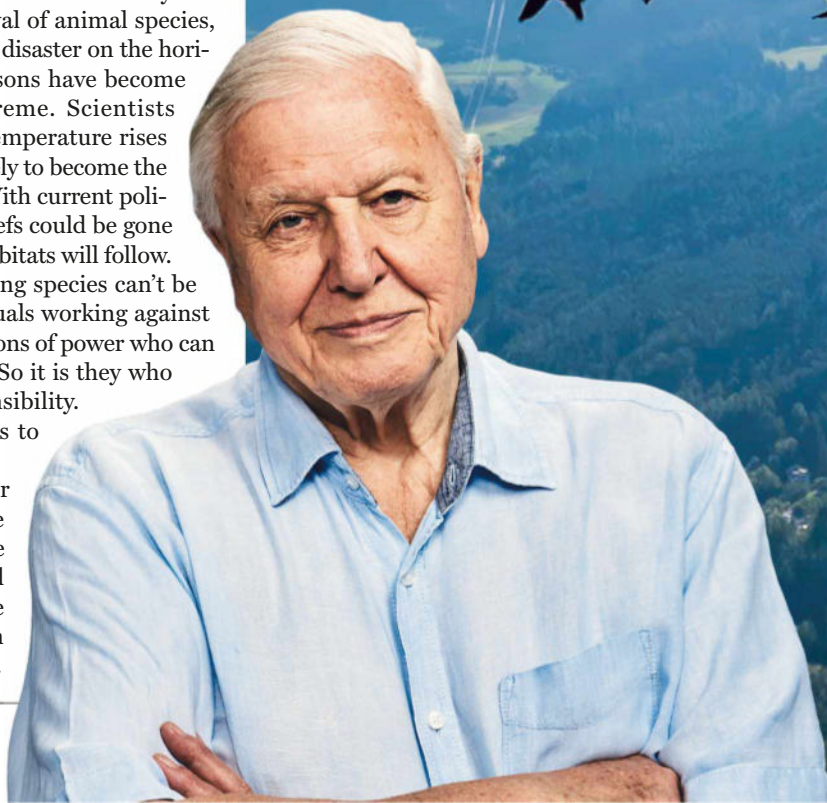
As we have seen throughout this series, many species are losing the habitats they need to survive. It's the biggest cause of extinction. Nowhere is this more apparent than in the Amazon rainforest, where our crews have filmed many times in the last two decades. In that time, over 16,000 million trees have been felled.

This destruction of habitats is currently the biggest threat to the survival of animal species, but there is an even greater disaster on the horizon – climate change. Seasons have become unpredictable, more extreme. Scientists predict that if the global temperature rises by over two degrees it is likely to become the main cause of extinction. With current policies, 99 per cent of coral reefs could be gone in under 30 years. Other habitats will follow.


But the challenge of saving species can't be left to a few heroic individuals working against the odds. It's those in positions of power who can make the most difference. So it is they who must take the most responsibility. Perhaps one of our roles is to hold them to account.

Time is running out for many species, but I believe that if the right decisions are made now, at this critical moment, there could still be a bright future for all life on our wonderful Planet Earth.

MY TRUE HEROES



FOLLOW ME
Northern bald ibis
following Katharina
Huchler's microlight
over the Austrian Alps



‘They are soaring high...
those chicks are born to fly’

KATHARINA HUCHLER

BIRD MOTHER

Katharina Huchler hand-reared a group of 28 ibis chicks to regard her as their mum. She then led them 500 miles over the Austrian Alps on their first migration

In a flimsy microlight, buffeted by swirling winds over the Austrian Alps, Katharina Huchler is signposting a wild and bright future for one of Europe's most endangered birds. If ever there was a labour of love this is it – albeit one that's more than 7,000 feet off the ground.

Five months before this species-preserving flight, Huchler had enrolled as foster mum to a group of 28 zoo-born northern bald ibis chicks. The challenge was teaching them how to prevail in the wild. Crucially, that meant sparking their migratory instinct to take flight from Austria to

warmer Italian feeding grounds. And to do that, the birds had to accept Huchler as their mother. “We had to be as much like birds as we could,” she laughs.

Though it sounds improbable, it's actually a wonderful conservation success story that brings hope that wild colonies of the once-extinct northern bald ibis can be established – and thrive – in central Europe.

For Huchler and her co-parenting colleague Helena Wehner it began with the delivery of the chicks: “You fall in love with them very quickly.” For the first two months the foster mums were the only humans the birds saw. From 6am to 11pm they tended to the chicks constantly – feeding [minced mice and rats], cleaning and weighing them – slowly establishing a maternal bond. They also “talked” ibis. “You learn how to mimic the sound of their mother,” Huchler explains. “And there's a gesture we use that imitates the way ibis greet, by bowing their heads.”

The pair also wore vivid yellow clothing. “It makes us stand out, and during flight training they need to be able to spot us in the middle of meadows.”

That flight training started when the birds were two months old. An aviary was built in an Austrian meadow and when the birds appeared ready to fledge,

the doors were thrown open. And everyone held their breath.

“I can't find the words to explain that moment. They are soaring high and you realise that those chicks are born to fly,” smiles 29-year-old Huchler, who now works at the Austrian Environment Agency. “Then you sit and wait. After 40 minutes the first bird lands next to you. It approaches and greets you and vocalises, and that's the moment your heart just melts because you're the person they want to return to. Sitting next to you is the safest spot they can choose.”

Flying freely for 40 minutes is one thing – but how on earth did they prepare the birds to fly 500 miles over snow-topped alpine peaks? First, it was acceptance of the microlight, and then weeks of flight training with repeated shouts of, “Come, come ibis!” through a megaphone. “They had to realise that we were in

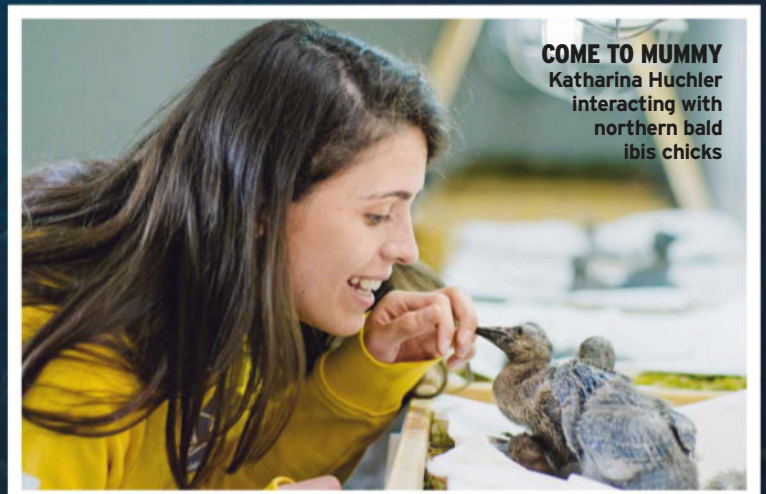
the microlight, so if they came close to it they came close to us.”

After five months of hand rearing and intensive training, the birds were ready. But was Huchler? After all, microlight flying isn't normally part of a foster mum's job spec. “I hadn't done it before and there was one point where I felt, ‘Wow, what I'm doing is a bit dangerous!’”

But, like her feathered charges, she prevailed, and after a five-leg flight spread out over two weeks because of bad weather, they landed safely in Italy. “I was incredibly proud. It was a rock that fell off my heart – we made it and all the birds were well.”

Some of that class of 28 have already made the return journey, and next year they're expected to fly back to Austria to breed. For now, Huchler is happy to follow them via their GPS trackers. “I won't visit until they start breeding because they are free birds now. I don't want to interfere with that.”

But afterwards? “For sure. I know stories about birds meeting their foster mothers again and they are heartwarming. I'm told that they land next to you and they recognise you. I'm sure that they will feel special.” TERRY PAYNE ▸



COME TO MUMMY
Katharina Huchler
interacting with
northern bald
ibis chicks

Brown bear cull imminent in Romania

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Jaime Culebras has been scouring mountain rivers in a remote cloud forest, high in the Andes, searching for a mate for what could be the rarest frog on the planet

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a one-man mission to rescue – or find a mate for – frogs that are on the brink of extinction. Not that he's always on his own – sometimes his girlfriend Francesca Angiolani goes along too. Just 30 minutes in their infectious company – they're speaking on Zoom from a herpetology (the study of amphibians) conference in Bolivia – led to me searching for, and being enchanted by, online images of the lustrous amphibians.

"They are so beautiful, it's impossible not to fall in love with them," Culebras says both joyfully and persuasively. His own love affair started aged just seven. "There were many times when friends would go to football or parties and I would go to fields to look for frogs. So yes, I was a different guy." Different and, it must be said, dedicated.

In his early 20s (he's now 38), he moved to Ecuador and began working for a research centre in the foothills of the Andes, hoping to save and breed from at-risk frogs. The scale of the problem ▷



HOPPY DAYS

Above: Jaime Culebras has dedicated much of his life to searching for a mate for Sad Santiago (left), a rare Morona-Santiago harlequin frog that was kept in a secure sanctuary high in the Ecuadorian Andes



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Jessica Comi (left) and MSF surgeon Dr Federica Lezzi extract a bullet from a patient shot just above the knee during fighting in the Sudanese capital. Bashair hospital, Khartoum, 13 May. Photograph © Ala Kheir/MSF

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< is huge. Frogs are the most endangered group of animals in the world, with the biggest threat coming from a rampant fungal disease called chytrid, which has wiped out 90 of the circa 7,000 species of frog and left more than 600 critically endangered.

Among those is Sad Santiago – a harlequin frog so dubbed because he has spent the past four years at the breeding centre with no female company. “He may not be the most beautiful frog in the world, but he deserves to find love,” says Culebras. Not just that, but Santiago might represent one of the last hopes for the survival of the species. “He may be the rarest frog in the world,” atones Attenborough in the programme.

With expedition cargo carried by two donkeys high into the Ecuadorian forest, Culebras and Angiolani spent countless long nights in treacherous conditions, searching for a frog that is under two inches long. When they eventually captured one, he was ecstatic. “I cried and I ran around, so happy,” he says. Angiolani chips in: “He was jumping around with joy.”

The female frog was taken to the centre to mate with Santiago, but not long afterwards, sadly, he died.

‘It’s impossible not to fall in love with frogs’

JAIME CULEBRAS

Exhaustion, perhaps? “I hope he enjoyed himself,” laughs Culebras.

Talking of enjoyment... what would be his perfect night out? In the forest with his frogs, or a posh restaurant with Angiolani? Cupping his girlfriend’s ears he laughingly whispers, “Frogs!” But then adds: “The best solution would be a night in the forest with the frogs and Francesca.”

Of Attenborough’s “hero” accolade there’s almost a sense of embarrassment. For Culebras it’s a job he loves. “Hero is a huge word, but wit’s amazing to know that a person like Sir David talks about you in such a beautiful way.” **TP**

MORE HEROES FROM PLANET EARTH III



Brazilian tribal leader ALESSANDRA KORAP has received death threats due to her efforts to stop the plundering of the Amazon rainforest. But instead of admitting defeat, she chose to study law in order to better pursue her cause.



Ranger DUMISANI ZWANE leads a team in South Africa that has helped airlift 230 critically endangered black rhinos – a species poached for its horn – to a safer habitat. In doing so the team has created 13 new populations.



Former president of the Maldives MOHAMED NASHEED has defied numerous threats to his life while lobbying governments to do what they can to stop the planet overheating. “You cannot give up. I will not stop,” he declares.



Forest elephant numbers have declined by two thirds in the last 20 years, largely due to the ivory trade. **TRANG NGUYEN** risked her life to catch a dealer by posing as a buyer in Côte d'Ivoire. She now trains undercover operatives.

DOMINIC WEST PRINCE CHARLES

IT'S NO MEAN FEAT when someone as familiar as Dominic West morphs into King Charles right in front of you. Which is just what West does when he shows me how he used the monarch's famous signet ring to ground his portrayal. "He's always twiddling with it," he explains. "His hands are very important to him. He's always pointing!"

Despite hovering in more proximate social circles than most – courtesy of his wife, garden designer Catherine FitzGerald, who previously helped the King on projects in Belfast and Dumfries – West hasn't heard what any of the royals think of his efforts to bring Charles to screen for the final two series of *The Crown*.

"I did meet him at a party," West explains, adding that the encounter occurred before he took on the role. "Unfortunately... because I'd have loved to have scrutinised him in the flesh!" He laughs. "I haven't had any dealings since then, and now I don't suppose I ever will."

'I didn't fancy the scene telling a boy his mother had died'

Whatever the monarchical verdict, West has found playing the Charles of the 1990s a sympathetic exercise. "In some ways, he was a villain of the piece, or of the Diana story," he says. "As in any divorce, there are two sides, and we got to see what Charles's side was."

"This series is much more about a man facing the imperatives of being a father. It's not about him, it's about his kids. It made it much clearer to me what I had to portray."

SUCH EMPATHY WAS no doubt helped by the fact that in series five West's own son Senan played young Prince William. However, this was something that West decided couldn't continue into series six.

"I didn't really fancy doing the scene at Balmoral, telling a boy his mother has died. They invited Senan back because he did such a good job, and he was great, but I did slightly balk at that. It was unfair of me, because he did want to do it, but I wouldn't have fancied that, to be honest."

West hopes the series will engender sympathy and appreciation for "ordinary people that we elevate and choose to represent our constitution. Unlike, say, the Kardashians, the royals are a posh soap opera who never asked to be. It's great television, and that's our first responsibility, but I hope we get to see in a respectful and

A PRINCELY PAIR
Dominic West (left) greets the King

As *The Crown* reaches its conclusion, the stars reveal what it's like to relinquish their royal roles

Heavy is the head...



SISTER ACT
Imelda Staunton
(top) as the Queen;
Lesley Manville
as her sister,
Princess Margaret



LOVE INTEREST
A young Kate
Middleton is played
by Meg Bellamy
with Ed McVey
as Prince William

sympathetic way something we haven't seen in coverage of these events before.

"Charles was hugely vilified and I hope there might be a bit more sympathy than before. So much of what we saw in *The Crown* was, 'Will he ever be king?', particularly after the *Panorama* interview and Diana's death. Then, when Queen Elizabeth died, there was no question, it was a totally orderly transition and I was very impressed by that."

There will be no next act for West's Charles, however, and he reveals he found signing off hard to bear. "The last two days I spent with a full orchestra, a full choir, walking down the aisle at York Minster with 400 extras bowing to me and Olivia Williams (who plays Camilla). The next day we were in a beautiful Rolls-Royce, being driven through a crowd waving flags, everyone bowing again. It was a hard one to give up."

West must surely get his fair share of attention? "Yes, but not bowing!" he exclaims. "I come home and think, why isn't my family bowing?" He chuckles. "But, I can switch off. Theirs is a privilege and burden for life."

IMELDA STAUNTON QUEEN ELIZABETH II
LESLEY MANVILLE PRINCESS MARGARET

WHILE THE QUEEN's death came as a shock to everyone across the world, it was particularly surreal for Imelda Staunton, who spent the day filming scenes as the departed monarch.

"You thought, you don't want it to get in the way because you still have to do the job," she

remembers. "It altered all our metabolisms... something shifted."

Months after signing off her role and the series, it's the Queen's faith and service that have stuck with Staunton. "You just think of the Queen going and opening things," she says. "But her religion was really a bedrock. You're playing someone whose life was ruled by duty. That's a tough gig."

She and Lesley Manville, who plays the Queen's sister Princess Margaret, share an intimate episode in the final series, focusing on the lifelong bond between the siblings that has been a theme throughout all six series of *The Crown*. For Manville, it was her favourite chapter to film. "It's about two sisters, not a queen and a princess, and you see what the two meant to each other."

Despite Margaret's reputation, Manville is sympathetic to her: "The side of her that some people saw as acerbic, I see as a by-product of her fragmented life and her disappointments. Her humour might have been her personal salvation, although a lot of people found it quite testing. I would have liked to have met her."

ED MCVEY PRINCE WILLIAM,
MEG BELLAMY KATE MIDDLETON
LUTHER FORD PRINCE HARRY

THIS FINAL FURLONG of *The Crown* includes the first hints of romance between students Prince William and Kate Middleton. Both Ed McVey and Meg Bellamy, picked in an open casting call to play the young couple, are aware of the extra burden that comes with playing real people.

"It's a responsibility when someone's out there, doing their thing," says Bellamy. "But you're looking for an essence, not a paper replication. I don't play Kate as a royal. I didn't go to university, so a lot of my research was asking, 'What's university like?'"

Luther Ford, who plays Prince Harry, explains that all three actors ignored present-day headlines to concentrate on the era at hand. "We have the benefit of hindsight, but it's sort of irrelevant. The easiest thing to do was just focus on the script."

Playing William gave McVey a small taste of the attention experienced by his real-life counterpart. "I had my share of it filming," he remembers, describing a scene when the 19-year-old prince is greeted by crowds on his arrival at university. "They actually used a girls' choir to film, so they could use their voices without hurting them, because they spent all day screaming. That energy from young women, and some middle-aged ones, felt intense. I didn't have to act."

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Luther Ford as Prince
Harry (left) with
McVey as
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NOT ONE OF OUR OWN

As Harry Kane visits Manchester with Bayern Munich, United fans will wonder what might have been, says **Simon Barnes**



FOR YEARS MANCHESTER United supporters lived in the hope that Harry Kane would leave Tottenham Hotspur and come to Old Trafford. Surely that would make everything all right? Well, now their

wishes have been granted – albeit with the snag that he's playing for the opposition.

On Tuesday, a floundering Manchester United play a crucial Champions League group-stage game against Bayern Munich, whose season so far has been defined by Kane scoring goals for fun. It will be a daunting match for the Red Devils, and there's a whiff of "what if?"

In the past few years, there were several moments when it seemed possible, even likely, that Kane would leave Spurs and head to Manchester, where he would be the one to end the post-Fergie chaos and make United natural and inevitable winners once again.

'Kane has 17 goals in 11 games, including two hat-tricks'

"He's a great striker," said United manager Erik ten Hag in August, before Kane left for Bayern. "A goal-maker... he has all the conditions and abilities you want to see."

Who wouldn't want Kane? The 30-year-old's game is less about a rabona or Cruyff turn and more about goals. He is football's ultimate straight-shooter. Scoring goals on a regular basis is about confidence, responsibility, calmness and the ability to play as if unaware of the joy and pain that every goal brings. Very few players have all of these traits. Those that do often lose them, sometimes for a few games, and sometimes for ever.

But not Kane. In 320 league appearances, the England captain scored a record 213 goals for Spurs and his England tally currently stands at a record 62 – and shows no signs of slowing down. Since moving to play Bundesliga football in Bavaria, Kane has notched 17 goals in his first 11 games for Bayern, including two hat-tricks in

SHARP SHOOTER
Harry Kane has been in scintillating form for Bayern Munich this season



a week and a goal from inside his own half last month. As if that's not enough, his second-greatest asset is his ability to set up goals. In football jargon, he can play as a number nine and a number ten – but the most impressive thing is that he can do it in the same match and more or less at the same time.

SO HOW CLOSE were United to actually signing Kane? They admired him for years, but two things put them off. The first was price, both in fee and salary. The second was the notorious difficulties of dealing with the Spurs chairman Daniel Levy.

There were other problems. Levy really didn't want to sell to another Premier League club and Kane quite possibly wouldn't have gone. For years he had been with a club a shade below the very best, helping them to over-perform season after season. There wouldn't have been much point in him doing the same thing somewhere else, even if it was at Old Trafford.

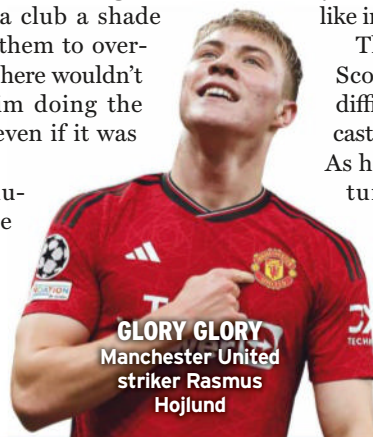
And so Kane joined a genuinely top-drawer club. There had been interest from Real Madrid and Paris Saint-Germain, but he chose Bayern, and after doing so it's possible that he will prove himself to be even

better than we thought. He's now in a team with true quality in every position, for whom victory is a matter of expectation rather than hope.

Kane can do the tricks and the skills if he wishes – I have a vivid memory of his Cruyff turn against Germany in 2016 – but he is never flamboyant. He gets the job done, and that is scoring and making goals. Thomas Tuchel, the former Chelsea coach and current Bayern manager, said, "Anyone looking for a number nine would have been happy to have Harry in the team."

But never mind. In the close season United signed 20-year-old Danish striker Rasmus Hojlund from Atalanta. He has struggled for Premier League goals, but his Champions League form in an inconsistent side suggests he may one day knock them in with Kane-like insouciance.

Then again, there's no guarantee. Scoring goals really is incredibly difficult and that's why United fans cast longing eyes on Kane for years. As he walks out of the Old Trafford tunnel for six-time European champions Bayern, many in the stands will wonder what could have been.



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Manchester United striker Rasmus Hojlund

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THE LAW OF THE JUNGLE

No matter how *I'm a Celeb* ends, Nigel Farage has won

IA DIFFERENT WORLD AND time ago, I entered a lift on the ground floor of BBC Television Centre. On the first floor, the doors opened and the Dalai Lama got in. One floor up, the doors opened again and – I kid you not – Mr Blobby joined us. And so we three continued travelling together in companionable silence.

Such similarly unexpected encounters used to be my reason for watching ITV's reality TV juggernaut *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!* Never mind the grubs and muck, for me it was all about the fire-pit chats between disparate campmates: Nigel Havers and Shaun Ryder; Lady Colin Campbell and Chris Eubank; Harry Redknapp and everyone.

If the novelty of such eclectic pairings has worn a bit thin in the 21 years since the show began, ITV has done its best to fill the gap with names big on potential controversy: Noel Edmonds in 2018, Caitlyn Jenner the year after, Matt Hancock last year and now Nigel Farage,

Of course, Farage isn't the first "ex-politician", or indeed serving member, to have sought reinvention by way of reality TV. He and Hancock were preceded in the jungle by Nadine Dorries and Kezia Dugdale, while Anne Widdecombe and Ed Balls both dazzled on the *Strictly* dancefloor and a pre-sword Penny Mourdant proved a game diver in *Splash!* in 2014. And let's not forget George Galloway in a skintight catsuit purring through Rula Lenska's strokes on *Celebrity Big Brother* in 2006. The mind still boggles. Why, then, the furore over Farage?

'I'm not surprised that Farage has proved good company'

reportedly for the record-breaking sum of £1.5 million.

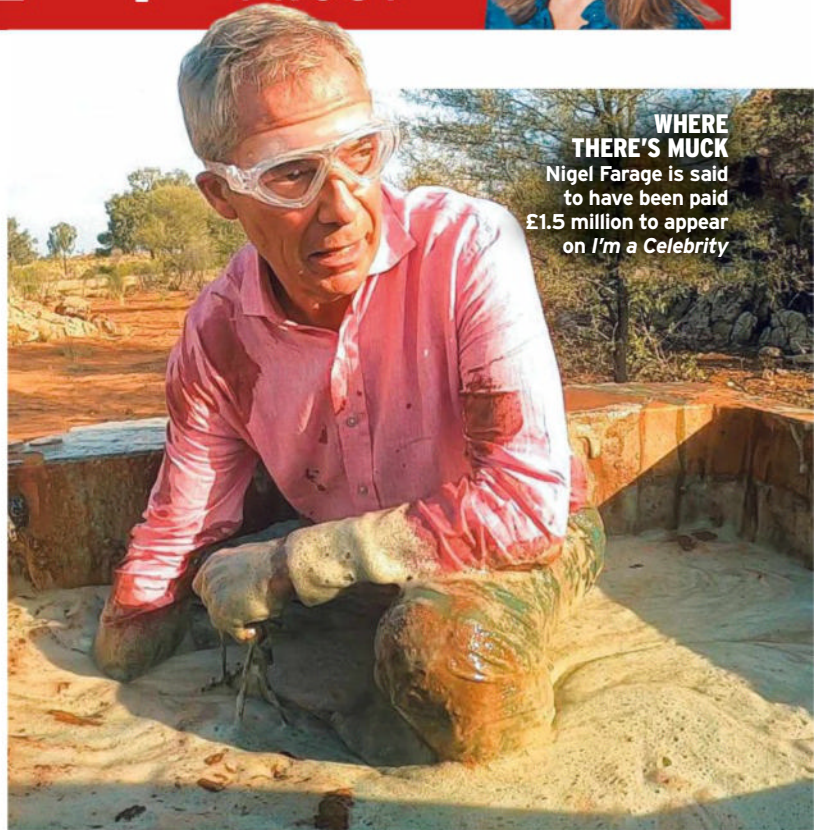
Described misleadingly on screen as an "ex-politician", Farage's arrival generated howls of protest from all the usual suspects. *The Times* acknowledged his "competence and can-do attitude", while *The Guardian* slammed ITV for "normalising the abhorrent". Something tells me lots of people tuning in may have already made up their minds about him.



MAKING WAVES
Penny Mordaunt
competed on
Splash! in 2014

TWO REASONS: HATE and fear. Because he's never gone away, Farage remains this country's walking totem for the tirelessly toxic rows over Brexit. With his crowd-rousing credentials having long surpassed his seat-winning skills, a primetime audience of the size offered by a programme like *I'm a Celebrity* represents a politically skewed gift.

I'm not remotely surprised that Farage has proved good campsite company, the type of bloke with whom it would be easy to go to the pub. Not for nothing does his GB News show have a segment called "Talking Pints". Nor would I be particularly upset if he emerges as this year's King of the Jungle. I'd be quite happy for him to spend the rest of his



WHERE THERE'S MUCK
Nigel Farage is said to have been paid £1.5 million to appear on *I'm a Celebrity*

working life lapping up the pay cheques – sorry, I mean, reaching out to the electorate – by cooking for Love Islanders or marrying at first sight on skates, and leave running the country to someone else. What's more worrying is people's fear that his appearance represents a deleterious downturn in our politics, any victory a threat to democracy.

Well, I'm afraid, in the US at least, that ship has sailed. The century's great morality tale for anyone daring to poo-poo the significance of reality TV lies in the advent of the US version of *The Apprentice* in 2004, where Donald Trump was first beamed to a primetime audience and took his early steps to the White House. I like to think that Brits are a bit smarter and can tell the difference between reality TV and real life. All we can do is vote for our favourites – with our remote controls and our ballot papers – and hope the right people triumph. Mr Blobby next year, anyone? For at least one of these contests.

The 2023 series of I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! concludes this weekend on ITV1 (Saturday 9.30pm, Sunday 9.00pm). I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out is Wednesday 9.00pm ITV1

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Indiana Jones
(Harrison Ford)
heads out for
one last
mission

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ADVENTURE

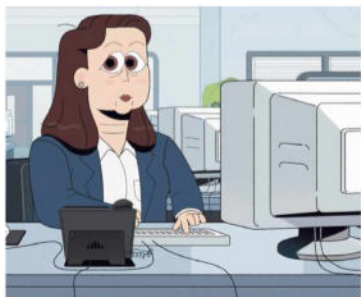
Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny ★★★★★ Available from Friday

 Harrison Ford cracks his whip one last time as the intrepid archaeologist in this likeable fifth and final outing. In 1969, an ageing Indiana Jones now lives alone in New York, his adventuring days behind him, until his god-daughter Helena (Phoebe Waller-Bridge) crashes into his life seeking the Antikythera,

better known as the Archimedes Dial. Also on the hunt for this artefact, believed to pinpoint fissures in time, is scientist Jürgen Voller (Mads Mikkelsen), a former Nazi who has helped the US win the Space Race. With the story globe-trotting from Manhattan to Morocco and Greece, director James Mangold

(taking over from Steven Spielberg) does a good job in realising the look and feel of an Indy movie. Although the helter-skelter plot is driven by one too many chases, it's a good-natured ride with neat throwbacks to the originals. **JAMES MOTTRAM**
Films to watch this Christmas: from page 16

Netflix



ANIMATION

Carol and the End of the World

All 10 episodes available from Friday

Dan Guterma, creator of this new animated series for adults, previously wrote for satirical website *The Onion* and has won Emmys for his work on *Rick & Morty* and *The Colbert Report*. So expect a laconically dry take on the apocalypse, as this show tells the ten-part story of Carol (Martha Kelly), a woman who loves routine and struggles to experience joy. As a large object is hurtling towards Earth, most people are abandoning their responsibilities and ticking off bucket lists, but Carol finds it hard to leave her monotony behind.

JACK SEALE



BIRDS OF A FEATHER
With fowl play afoot, Ginger, Rocky and the gang gather for another adventure

COMEDY

Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget ★★★★★ Available from Friday

More than 20 years after *Chicken Run* became a claymation classic, Ginger, Rocky and co return in this joyous sequel. Having escaped from Mrs Tweedy's farm, the flock now lives in a utopian island base. When Ginger (voiced by Thandiwe Newton) and Rocky (Zachary Levi) discover that

their daughter Molly (Bella Ramsey) has set off on her own adventure, old enemies rear their heads and only an expertly orchestrated heist can avert a calamity. Director Sam Fell crafts innovative set pieces, and the film is as eccentrically charming as its predecessor. **PATRICK CREMONA** See feature: p16

DRAMA

The Crown

Series 6 episodes 5–10 available from Thursday

SERIES FINALE

The epic royal saga comes to a close, regaining its usual rhythm after this season's heavily Diana-focused first half. The action resumes after reaction to Diana's death in 1997 has abated – it's replaced by more typical developments such as William returning to Eton and meeting his future wife Kate Middleton; Charles marrying Camilla; and the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002. It's the end of a labour of love for Peter Morgan, who has written or co-written all 60 episodes. **JS** See page 28

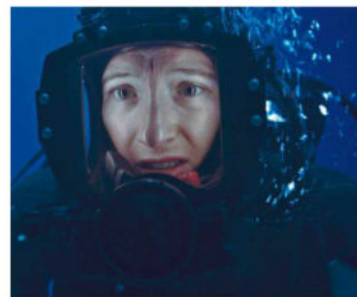


DRAMA

Leave the World Behind ★★★

Available from Friday 8 December

Julia Roberts and Ethan Hawke's holiday break turns into terror in this fitfully engaging apocalyptic drama. Deciding on a whim to leave the city, Amanda (Roberts) packs up husband Clay (Hawke) and their two teens (Farrah Mackenzie and Charlie Evans) and heads to a luxury rental home. In the middle of the night, the owner (Mahershala Ali) and his daughter (Myha'la) turn up, seeking shelter after a mysterious blackout. The story might have worked better as a TV series, but Roberts's spiky turn will keep you watching. **JM**



THRILLER

The Dive ★★★★★ 15

Available now

This race-against-time thriller follows a dive that goes badly wrong for two sisters. Drew (Sophie Lowe, above) and May (Louisa Krause) travel to a remote beauty spot for an annual get-together. But during a diving session, a rock fall traps May in an underwater cave. With oxygen running out, Drew races to find help. Director Maximilian Erlenwein directs with economy, and the film benefits hugely from being shot on location in Malta. Tension rests on the siblings' resourcefulness in the face of mounting pressure, and the result is nerve-shredding. **AMBER WILKINSON**

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DRAMA

May December ★★★★★ Available from Friday 8 December

Natalie Portman and Julianne Moore face off in this wickedly funny melodrama from director Todd Haynes (*Carol*). Moore plays Gracie, who has served jail time for having had a relationship with a teenager. Years later, her story is to be made into a movie, and actor Elizabeth

(Portman) arrives at Gracie's home to study her ahead of the role. Taking a tone that is knowingly salacious and camp, Haynes recalls soap operas as much as he does cerebral arthouse films like *Persona*, and the result is a watchable romantic drama with plenty of depth. **MAX COPEMAN**



COMEDY

Mummies ★★★

Available from Saturday

Mummy issues abound in this animated comedy, in which an Egyptian charioteer and a pharaoh's daughter go on an adventure in modern London. After being thrown together by chance, Thut (voiced by Joe Thomas) and Princess Nefer (Eleanor Tomlinson) are forced to leave the Egyptian afterlife and end up in the British capital, where high jinks ensue. Among the voice talent, Hugh Bonneville is good value as a grave-robbing English lord, while the inclusion of the obligatory Bangles song *Walk Like an Egyptian* sums up the film's breezy tone. **STEVE MORRISSEY**



DRAMA

The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★

Available from Sunday

Jim Broadbent puts his best foot forward in this gentle British drama about a retiree who sets out on a 500-mile hike to see an old colleague who is in a hospice dying of cancer. Why doesn't he take the train? Because he believes his pilgrimage will keep her alive while she waits for him to arrive. The movie isn't always credible, but its core message about finding meaning through helping others is touchingly conveyed. Penelope Wilton (above with Broadbent) co-stars as Harold's wife Maureen. **JAMES MOTTRAM**



BIOPIC

Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett ★★

Available from Thursday

James Marsh (*The Theory of Everything*) directs this lacklustre drama about literary genius Samuel Beckett. Gabriel Byrne gives a powerful turn as the elder Beckett, who encounters another version of himself and reflects on his life. Fionn O'Shea plays a lively younger Beckett, but writer Neil Forsyth's script offers only a piecemeal portrait of his subject. Marsh's slick direction smooths over any hints of a spiky individual, and the result is a routine biopic that's at odds with its radical subject. **KEVIN HARLEY**

BBC iPlayer



DRAMA

Time Series 1 and 2 available now

Jimmy McGovern's prison drama lays bare the brutality of the penal system by following inmates who in different ways seem out of place inside. In the first run, Sean Bean is a man who has made an awful mistake and is as troubled by his conscience as he is by the violent hierarchies in place on his wing, while Stephen Graham co-stars as a prison officer forced into corruption. The new, second run stars Jodie Whittaker (above, right, with Bella Ramsey and Tamara Lawrance) as a harshly imprisoned mum for whom incarceration is a nightmarish extension of her existing parenting woes. **JACK SEALE**



CRIME DRAMA

Shetland

Series 1-7 available now; series 8 available Wednesday 6 December

Can *Shetland* survive post-Jimmy Perez? Well, based on this first case to feature his successor Ruth Calder (Ashley Jensen, above), I'd say yes. She very quickly forges a strong partnership with show stalwart Tosh (Alison O'Donnell) that feels like Scott and Bailey in scarves and sweaters. But let's not forget that this is a series that's always been as much about the scenery as its central character – and for those wanting more of those wild and windswept landscapes, all previous Douglas Henshall-starring episodes are available now. **DAVID BROWN**

ITVX



DRAMA

Three Little Birds

All 6 episodes available now

This 1950s-set drama about three women arriving in the UK from Jamaica ought to be a snapshot from a bygone time. But with the issue of immigration now being weaponised again, Lenny Henry's heartfelt tale ends up feeling rather pertinent. On the surface, the six-part series shares some thematic similarities with BBC1's *Ten Pound Poms*, thanks to a narrative about the realities of life in a new country failing to meet expectations, but this story is very much about the Windrush generation and the prejudice it encountered. **DB**



DRAMA

A Christmas Carol

Available now

When it arrived on ITV in 2000, this version of the Dickens classic sounded a bit ridiculous: Ross Kemp, fresh from his stint as Grant Mitchell in *EastEnders*, was to play Eddie Scrooge, a loan shark on a tough London estate. But the new take on an old classic was written by Peter Bowker, who would go on to create *The A Word*, so it had a fine and thoughtful script that cleverly added both romance and a *Groundhog Day*-style time loop. The strong supporting cast includes Warren Mitchell, Ray Fearon and Ben Inigo-Jones (above with Kemp). **JS**



DRAMA

Something Undone All 10 episodes available Thursday

A drama with chills of all kinds: Farid and Jo (Michael Musi and Madison Walsh, below left, with Billy Campbell and Amanda Brugel) are a podcasting couple – he does the investigations, she records the sound. While he visits a remote Newfoundland town that has never recovered from the murder of a family in the 1980s, she looks after the estate and the house of her mother, who recently took her own life. Both are about to mess with forces they haven't quite comprehended, in a show with a nicely unsettling, wintry vibe. **JS**

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Your Christmas books are so successful, you've been crowned the 'King of Christmas'. Are you happy with this accolade?

I should be so lucky. It's a great title to have bestowed on me. However, I feel more like I'm the town crier of Christmas.

When writing do you share the story with your children?

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ROMANTIC COMEDY

Your Christmas or Mine 2 ★★

Available from 8 December

Fresh misunderstandings befall young couple James and Hayley (Asa Butterfield and Cora Kirk) in this underwhelming sequel to the 2022 comedy. When their families jet off for a festive break on the pistes of Innsbruck, they argue over who gets the posh hotel and who stays in the rickety old barn. More importantly, is James about to pop the question to Hayley? The film bulges with clichés and any laughs are pretty feeble at best.

JAYNE NELSON



SHATTERPROOF
Another day, another job for Reacher (Alan Ritchson)

ACTION

Reacher Series 2 eps 1–3 available Friday

Good as Tom Cruise was in the movies of Lee Child's Jack Reacher stories, Alan Ritchson is surely the definitive screen version of the hulking former military policeman. Season one saw Reacher working to bring down a murderous conspiracy. In the new episodes, his old army buddies are being picked off by an unknown stalker, which means even more bone-splitting action. But there's no change to the show's trump card, which isn't Ritchson's incredible muscles – it's his dab hand with a dry one-liner. **JACK SEALE**

Apple TV+



SCI-FI

Monarch: Legacy of Monsters

Episode 6 available from Friday

It's crunch time in both monster-tracking timelines. The young Lee Shaw (Wyatt Russell) has a decision to make, between duty and personal feelings – there's only going to be one winner there – as well as a situation with a giant reptile that proves not to be quite as he thought. Decades later, the elder Lee (Kurt Russell) is also dealing with both monsters and humans making unexpected reappearances, but under the pressure of their work, his young team is fracturing. **JS**



SCI-FI

For All Mankind

Series 4 episode 6 available Friday

A trademark of this drama is that it shows how epochal events can be shaped by small interactions. As the world's space boffins gather at a conference to decide how to secure Earth's energy future, US émigré Margo (Wrenn Schmidt, above) is tasked by the Russians with covertly making their schemes run smoothly – but much depends on a reunion with her former protégée Aleida (Coral Peña). Meanwhile up in space, a bored Ed (Joel Kinnaman) is getting drunk on moonshine and flirting with union politics. **JS**

PERIOD DRAMA

The Buccaneers

Episode 8 available from Wednesday

Will Nan (Kristine Froseth, below) go through with her wedding, despite loving another man more? There's a chance for her real beau to make one more appearance, as one of the show's weaknesses – characters telling us things we already know – kicks in. Meanwhile, Jinny (Imogen Waterhouse) has to make a major decision. There's a clever and surprising ending to reward you if you've come this far. **JS**



SPY DRAMA

Slow Horses

Series 3 ep 4 available Wednesday

In the past, this superlative espionage thriller has under-used Gary Oldman as the show's finest creation, Jackson Lamb. This series, however, the chief is out in the field – and this week, *Slow Horses* makes the most of another piece of top-quality casting, as MI5 head Ingrid Tearnay (Sophie Okonedo) goes on manoeuvres herself. There's an injection of proper peril, leading to a killer cliffhanger. **JS**



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SCI-FI

Transformers: Rise of the Beasts ★★ 12

Available from 8 December

The alien robots show signs of tiring in their seventh outing. The setting is New York in 1994, where a museum researcher (Dominique Fishback) and a former soldier (Anthony Ramos) get caught between Transformer factions. When the heroic Autobots unite with robot "beasts" to protect a powerful artefact, the planet-devouring Unicron (voiced by Colman Domingo) gives chase, and war erupts. As likeable as the leads are, this ought to be a lot more fun. **KEVIN HARLEY**



FOR BETTER, FOR WORSE
Beth (Annabel Scholey) is shocked by what she learns

THRILLER

The Serial Killer's Wife

All 4 episodes available Friday

An odd, off-kilter psychological thriller based on the novel by Alice Hunter – although perhaps the eerily quiet tone is all part of the bewildering mystery. Beth (Annabel Scholey) has everything: good looks, a massive house and a passionate relationship with her, admittedly, indefinably creepy husband Tom (Jack Farthing). When he's arrested for the murder of a young woman found on a nearby beach, Beth is... shocked, but to an extent we cannot quite fathom. There are dark secrets aplenty. **JACK SEALE**

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SCI-FI

The Creator ★★★ 12

Available now

America leads the war against AI in this action-packed near-future adventure from director Gareth Edwards. John David Washington plays a former US agent who is sent to locate and destroy a super-weapon built by an AI mastermind known as the Creator. But things get complicated when it turns out the weapon is an android in the form of a girl. *Blade Runner*, *Apocalypse Now* and *Ex Machina* are among the many influences of a film that has little new to say, but still impresses as a sci-fi spectacle. **DAVE GOLDER**



ROMCOM

My Big Fat Greek Wedding 3 ★★★ 12

Available from Monday

The Portokalos family finally make it to Greece in this love letter to the old country by writer/star and now director Nia Vardalos. When patriarch Gus passes away, the family head to sun-kissed Greece, where Toula (Vardalos), Ian (John Corbett) and co enjoy nostalgia and warm summer nights, while a romance develops between daughter Paris and new arrival Aristotle. The feel-good vibe of the film makes it seem like *Mamma Mia!* without the songs. **STEVE MORRISSEY**

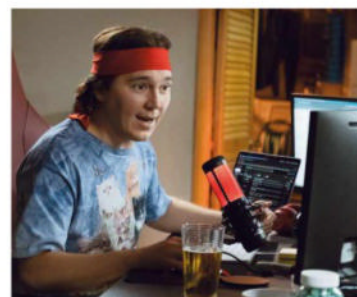


ACTION

The Equalizer 3 ★★★ 15

Available from Monday

The third outing for Denzel Washington's spy-turned-vigilante sees him decamp to southern Italy in the wake of a grisly mission. When he starts to mellow towards the friendly locals, a ruthless Mafia boss forces him back to his equalising ways. Washington has charisma to spare, and he shares lovely chemistry with his *Man on Fire* co-star Dakota Fanning, who plays a rookie CIA agent, while director Antoine Fuqua delivers tense stand-offs and staccato bursts of mayhem. **JEREMY ASPINALL**



COMEDY DRAMA

Dumb Money ★★★★★ 15

Available from Monday

Like *The Wolf of Wall Street* and *The Big Short*, this absorbing true-life tale explores chicanery in high finance. Paul Dano stars as Keith Gill, a stock-market guru who advises his followers to buy into an ailing high-street video game retailer. The stock escalates, and day traders – dismissed as "dumb money" by the fat cats – get a chance to stick it to the man. Under the direction of Craig Gillespie (*I, Tonya*), the story is a pertinent exploration of community and solidarity. **JAMES MOTTRAM**

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Saturday

SCI-FI

Doctor Who

6.30pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Five minutes. That's the length of time it took for certain fans to get aerated after Russell T Davies's new era of *Doctor Who* began airing. I'm referring here to the Children in Need "minisode", which took Davros out of his mobile life-support chair and onto two feet. As the writer explained, tastes have changed since Davros made his debut in 1975. But some viewers – for a variety of reasons – weren't happy.

What I'm hoping is that the return of classic villain the Toymaker (now played by Neil Patrick Harris) in this third anniversary special doesn't generate similar debate, as there have been a few alterations.

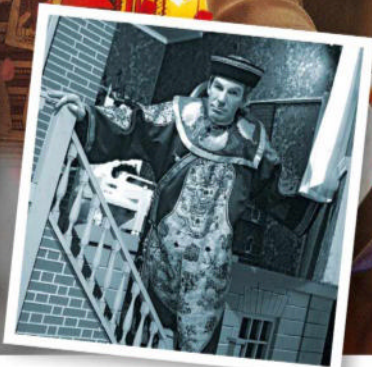
Gone are the silk robes that were reminiscent of Imperial China. And dropped is the "Celestial" prefix from his name, presumably due to its negative connotation when it comes to East Asia.

But hey, this is an adversary that hasn't been seen on screen since 1966 and, thankfully, society has moved on. So, let's just go with it all and enjoy the Toymaker's latest game of brinkmanship with the Doctor. Though it's a fight the Time Lord might not be able to win...

DAVID BROWN

DEADLY GAME

The Toymaker (Neil Patrick Harris) is back to torment the Doctor. The character first appeared in 1966, played by Michael Gough, below (photographed by RT's Don Smith)



DRAMA

The Famous Five

5.25pm **CBBC** Catch up via iPlayer

NEW
SERIES

One of the most out-there TV news stories of the year was the announcement that Nicolas Winding Refn, director of 2011 thriller *Drive*, would be in creative control of the BBC's new version of *The Famous Five*. But fear not, Enid Blyton fans – there are no scenes of George kicking someone to death in an elevator. For Winding Refn can, of course, do more than brutal violence (he once directed a cosy episode of ITV's *Agatha Christie's Marple*) and from what we've seen of these adaptations, we're in a reassuring land of plucky children (and their bearded-collie cross) taking on crims who underestimate their abilities.

In short, there's nothing here to traumatisate the target audience. **DB**

QUIZ

The Weakest Link

5.45pm **BBC1**

Catch up via iPlayer

When Romesh Ranganathan became host of the revived quiz two years ago, it took some getting used to. Winking, caustic-witted Anne Robinson served a 12-year stint, after all. However, Ranganathan has grown on us with his warm teasing of contestants. The tone is less "Queen of Mean", more "King of Bantz".

This celebrity special puts Kimberly Wyatt, Ellie Taylor, Rhys James, Darren Harriott, Gregg Wallace, Hannah Byczkowski, Sinitta and Lesley Garrett in the general knowledge spotlight. It's like a deeply random dinner party. Who will bank big money for their chosen charity? And who will take the walk of shame off the set after a terse "goodbye"?

MICHAEL HOGAN

DOCUMENTARY

A Royal Guide to Christmas

7.00pm **C4**

Catch up via C4 streaming

Whether its opening one present each on Christmas Eve, or doggedly providing stockings for every man, woman, child and pet, everyone does Christmas slightly differently. But just what festive traditions do the royal family have?

The usual collection of expert talking heads assembles to tell tales of the House of Windsor's celebrations. There are huge carol concerts to attend and a speech to prepare but, as is often the case with this series, it's the moments of ordinariness that stick in your mind more than the lavish stuff. Will Charles and co really enjoy a turkey dinner and a night in front of the telly just like the rest of us? Apparently so. **CERI THOMAS**

ENTERTAINMENT

Strictly Come Dancing

7.35pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

As each series draws to a close, there are whispers about the judges. Will they all return next year? If someone left, who would replace them? If a seat does become available, producers should approach Tom Hiddleston. The actor (and keen dancer) is a *Strictly* fan – and an invested one at that. "It's been difficult to determine who is going to go all the way this year," he recently told Radio 2, before adding that Ellie was "the most improved" and the judges had been tough on Layton and Nigel. Hear, hear!

Tonight will determine which three couples make it to next week's final, where the decision as to who wins is solely up to the viewers. And Tom, if he's voting at home, too.

FRANCES TAYLOR TV PREVIEWS EDITOR

ALSO ON TODAY

The Voice UK

8.00pm **ITV1**

We're at the final round of blind auditions – and the soloists, duos and vocal groups have their last chance to impress the judges.

Survivor

9.00pm **BBC1**

With just seven players remaining and seven days to go, the big moves become even more ruthless. Joel Dommett (right) hosts.



The Great White Christmas of '81

9.00pm **Channel 5**

In one of the coldest months of the 20th century, over half the country was blanketed in snow.

DRAMA

Hidden Assets

9.00pm, 9.50pm **BBC4**

Catch up via *iPlayer*

The women are in charge of this Irish/Belgian crime thriller: Nora-Jane Noone has settled in well as Claire, the new lead detective in the Criminal Assets Bureau in Limerick, but the drama picks up every time Simone Kirby is on screen as compromised businesswoman Bibi. We knew she was neck-deep in crime and corruption, but it's clear her life is in imminent danger, so those faraway looks she specialises in, hinting at a morass of secrets she wouldn't want to burden you with, are not for nothing.

As another hail of bullets and bombs shakes up the main players still further, it's time for a proper crossover: Claire is on her way to Antwerp. **JACK SEALE**

DOCUMENTARY

Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator

9.00pm **Sky Documentaries**

Catch up via *Now*



This opener for a three-part documentary series starts brightly, as young women speak of the hopes and dreams they had for trips to Italy. However, it soon turns down much darker avenues as they reveal how a host on a Couchsurfing website drugged and raped them.

They had placed their trust in a police officer named Leo who lived in Padua. With dozens of positive reviews on the site, he seemed safe. But he wasn't.

This chilling first episode reveals how he slipped drugs into the drinks he gave his guests, then sexually assaulted them. **CT**

DOCUMENTARY

Lockerbie

10.00pm **Sky Documentaries**

Catch up via *Now*

The least that the grieving relatives of those killed in the bombing of Pan Am Flight 103 should have got was justice. But it was 11 years before there was a trial and there were accusations of evidence tampering, lies, payment of witnesses and unreliable investigation methods. Former CIA officer John Holt has always had his doubts about it: "I never believed that Libya did it. I think the US government had an agenda," he says.

Among the extraordinary recollections and opinions is the remarkable story of how Jim Swire went to see Colonel Gaddafi in person to request the handover of the Libyans believed to be responsible for killing his daughter Flora. **JR**

LIVE SPORT



Skiing: Women's World Cup

9.30am **Eurosport 2**

Val d'Isère hosts the women's downhill, with Italy's Sofia Goggia (above) the reigning champion. There's also the men's World Cup giant slalom at 8.15am.

Cricket: ODI Series

West Indies v England

5pm **TNT Sports 2**

Last in a three-match series.

Football: Premier League

Crystal Palace v Liverpool

11am (k/o 12.30pm) **TNT Sports 1**

Aston Villa v Arsenal

5pm (k/o 5.30pm) **Sky Sports**

Main Event/Premier League

Action from Selhurst Park and then Villa Park.

FILM OF THE DAY



Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

★★★★★ **12** 5.45pm **ITV1**

"The boy who lived, come to die..." It's the battle to end all wizarding battles as the blockbuster series reaches a spellbinding conclusion, with Harry (Daniel Radcliffe, above) facing off against the evil Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes). (2011)

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SHARE ALIKE
Cher meets Rylan (inset)... or is it the other way round?



MUSIC

Cher Meets Rylan/Cher at the BBC

9.00pm/10.00pm **BBC2**

Catch up via *iPlayer*

Take one legendary icon... and send him to meet Cher. You have to chuckle at the title's semantics for this sit-down chat, which make it sound as though the Grammy-winning singer has been granted an audience with the presenter and Radio 2 host.

Although no preview was available, Rylan is such an intuitive, engaging interviewer that he'll certainly wrinkle out noteworthy insights from Cher's life and a 60-year career in music. And there will no doubt be the obligatory mention or three of the singer's new Christmas album. Of course.

Time is then turned back for a 2021 retrospective at 10pm as the archives are mined for chat-show appearances and performances – including *Believe*, *Love and Understanding* and *Walking in Memphis*. **FT**

SATURDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)
10.00 Saturday Kitchen Live: Countdown to Christmas Matt Tebbutt is joined by chefs Ravneet Gill and Greg Marchand, plus *Doctor Who* showrunner Russell T Davies. Olly Smith provides the drinks. (S) (HD)
11.30 Mary Makes It Easy 5/6. Including an aubergine bhuna and an apple crumble. Shown last Thu BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)
12 noon Football Focus Hosted by Alex Scott. (S) (HD)
1.00pm BBC News Weather (S) (HD)
1.15 Bargain Hunt From West Sussex. (R) (S) (HD)
2.00 Money for Nothing An old radiogram. (R) (S) (HD)
0 BBC RED BUTTON 2.30-5.25 Final Score Jason Mohammad presents the afternoon's football scores
3.00-4.00 Escape to the Country Sonali Shah helps a couple start a new life in Devon. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC2

6.00am Hey Duggee (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.10 Supertato** (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **6.20 Shaun the Sheep** (R) (S) (HD) **6.35 Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed!** (R) (S) (HD) **6.45 Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese** (R) (S) (HD) **6.55 Grizzly and the Lemmings** (R) (S) (HD) **7.15 Pokémon: Sun and Moon – Ultra Legends** (R) (S) (HD) **7.35 The Football Academy** (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.05 Blue Peter** A Christmas party. (R) (S) (HD) **8.30 Newsround** (S) (HD)
8.40 Gardeners' World Winter Specials 1/4. How to pot up amaryllis. Shown yesterday Repeated Friday 8am (S) (HD)
9.40 Monkey Kingdom ★★★ Documentary following a young toque macaque monkey and its mother in Sri Lanka. Available on iPlayer for 7 days. Directors Alastair Fothergill and Mark Linfield (2015, PG) (S) (W) (HD)
11.00 Snow Wolf Family and Me Gordon Buchanan explores the lives and habits of Arctic wolves. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12 noon My Million Pound Menu Including a bao bun enterprise and a Burmese supper club. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00pm Easter Parade ★★★★★ Musical starring Fred Astaire and Judy Garland. A dancer tries to transform a chorus girl into a star. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p49.** Director Charles Walters (1948, U) (S) (HD)
2.40 Marvellous Musicals: Talking Pictures Archive interviews with stars of the movie genre. (R) (S) (HD)
3.25-5.25 Some Like It Hot ★★★★★ Comedy starring Marilyn Monroe. Two male musicians join an all-girl orchestra to hide from the Mob. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 99.** Director Billy Wilder (1959, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Thursday 8pm BBC4

ITV1

6.00am Love Your Garden The team visit Plymouth.
6.30 A low-maintenance calming retreat. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh With Alfie Boe and Joan Bakewell. Shown last Sun (S) (HD)
9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)
9.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas With singer Paloma Faith and chefs Mike Reid and John Hooker. Repeated tomorrow 7.30am (S) (HD)
11.40 James Martin's Great British Adventure Paul Ainsworth and James visit Cornwall. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.10pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)
12.25 Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 ★★★ Animated comedy with the voice of Bill Hader. A town is overrun by "foodimals". **Review p49.** Directors Cody Cameron and Kris Pearn (2013, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
2.15-4.05 How to Train Your Dragon 2 ★★★★★ Animated adventure. The peaceful status quo between dragons and Vikings is under threat. Director Dean DeBlois (2014, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

Channel 4

6.05am The King of Queens Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
6.55 Cheers Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (HD)
8.15 The Simpsons Triple bill of the animation. (R) (S) (AD)
9.45 Wedding March 5: My Boyfriend's Back ★★ Romance with Josie Bissett. A wedding planner's job is complicated by her ex-boyfriend. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Mike Rohl (2019) (S) (W) (HD)
11.25 A Royal Winter ★★ Romantic drama starring Merritt Patterson. An American tourist falls for a handsome European prince. Available to stream for 30 days. Director Ernie Barbarash (2017, U) (S) (W) (HD)
1.05-3.40pm Four in a Bed From Greater Manchester, Herefordshire, Lancashire and Lincolnshire. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

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Doctor Who

6.30pm Pulling all the strings: the Toymaker (Neil Patrick Harris) is back to play games



4.00pm The Bidding Room

The dealers battle each other to buy an old hairdryer, a Corgi toy circus and a ventriloquist's dummy. Series producer Claire Egerton-Jones Executive producer David Sayer (R) (S) (HD)

4.30 Final Score

Jason Mohammad presents today's football results. Producer Graham Bennett; Editor Stefano Bozzi (S) (HD)

5.25 BBC News Regional News; Weather

(S) (HD)

5.45 The Weakest Link

RT Kimberly Wyatt, Ellie Taylor, Rhys James, Darren Harriott, Gregg Wallace, Hannah Byczkowski, Sinitta and Lesley Garrett take part for charity. Presented by Romesh Ranganathan. **See page 42.** Director Barbara Wiltshire; Producer Olivia Clark Repeated Thursday 2.55am (S) (HD)

6.30 Doctor Who

RT The Giggle. In the final 60th anniversary special episode starring David Tennant, the noise of a mysterious puppet drives the human race crazy, and the Doctor is rendered powerless as the Toymaker returns to hold the world in his grasp. In UHD on iPlayer. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. *Doctor Who: Unleashed* 7.35pm BBC3. **See p42.**

The Doctor	David Tennant	Kate Lethbridge-Stewart	Jemma Redgrave
Donna Noble	Catherine Tate	Edward Larn Bridges	Tim Hudson
The Doctor	Ncuti Gatwa	Voice of the Vlix	Nicholas Briggs
Charles Banerjee	Charlie De Melo	Trinity Wells	Lachele Carl
The Toymaker	Neil Patrick Harris	Voice of Stooky Sue	Leigh Lathian
John Logie Baird	John Mackay	Shaun Temple	Karl Collins
Colonel Ibrahim	Alexander Devrient	Sylvia Noble	Jacqueline King
Shirley Bingham	Ruth Madeley	Rose Noble	Yasmin Finney

Writer Russell T Davies; Director Chanya Button; Producer Vicki Delow Repeated tomorrow 8pm BBC3 Signed repeat Tuesday 1.40am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.35 Strictly Come Dancing

RT Ep 12. The remaining couples face an extra challenge in tonight's semi-final, as they look to edge closer to glitterball glory: they must each perform two routines in a bid to reach next week's final. Tess Daly and Claudia Winkleman cheer them on. The results are tomorrow at 7.20pm. **See p42.** Director Nikki Parsons; Series producer Nicola Fitzgerald Signed repeat Thursday 2am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Survivor

13/16. A mysterious item washes up that could change the course of the game for the castaways. A huge error by one player leads to a last-minute scramble and an unpredictable tribal council. Who will survive the dreaded vote? Continues tomorrow 8pm. Director Rob Fisher; Executive producers Stephen Lovelock, Natakla Znak, Claire O'Donoghue and Georgina Hinds Repeated Wednesday 12.35am (S) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Weather

(S) (HD)

10.20 Match of the Day

Gary Lineker introduces Premier League highlights of Crystal Palace v Liverpool, Aston Villa v Arsenal, Brighton & Hove Albion v Burnley, Sheffield United v Brentford, Wolverhampton Wanderers v Nottingham Forest and Manchester United v AFC Bournemouth. Producer Colm Harty; Editor Richard Hughes Rptd Sun 7.35am (S) (HD)

11.40 Doctor Who: Unleashed

RT 3/3. Steffan Powell goes behind the scenes of tonight's episode, *The Giggle*. **See page 42.** Shown 7.35pm BBC3 Repeated tomorrow 9pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am The Rap Game UK 5/6 Series 5.

The artists collaborate with Fraser T Smith for a piano challenge. Series 1 to 4 are on iPlayer. Shown last Monday BBC3 (S) (HD)

1.10 The Graham Norton Show

The host chats to guests including comedy superstar Ricky Gervais and celebrity chef and campaigner Jamie Oliver. Shown yesterday (S) (HD)

2.05 Weather for the Week Ahead

(S) (HD)

2.10-6.00am BBC News

(S) (HD)

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BBC2

2

Cher Meets Rylan

9.00pm Chart lady: the US superstar talks about her hit songs, as well as prime movie roles



5.25pm Flog It!

People are invited to try to make money out of their antiques by selling them at auction. (Revised rpt) (S) (HD)

6.00 Remarkable Places to Eat at Christmas

Michel Roux Jr takes Fred Sirieix for a Christmas treat in his favourite British city, Bristol, where they enjoy everything from the perfect French bistro to a countryside escape and Caribbean food in St Paul's. Director/Producer Helen Simpson (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

4/6 Series 2. Microwave. Hannah Fry investigates the microwave oven, learning about its hidden Second World War technology and participating in a risky demonstration to show how the microwave cooks food – and not the person using it. Shown last Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Great Asian Railway Journeys

Penang to Cameron Highlands. Michael Portillo begins this leg on the island of Penang, then travels on Malaysia's hi-tech railway network to Taiping, the wettest town in the country. He then visits Kuala Kangsar, home to the Sultan of Perak and one of the country's most prestigious schools dubbed the "Eton of the East". The globetrotter's journey ends in the Cameron Highlands, famous for the production of tea. Director George Boyle; Exec producer John Comerford (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Cher Meets Rylan

RT In a special one-off interview, the celebrated American singer, actress and TV personality Cher talks to Radio 2 presenter Rylan about her new record, her biggest hits and her eventful life and career. Archive footage throughout the show illustrates Cher's glittering music career, success as a movie star, her fashion choices and how she has influenced so many over the years. **See page 43.** Director Tony Grech-Smith Executive producers Hilary Whitley and Alison Howe (S) (HD)

10.00 Cher at the BBC

A musical celebration of the enduring American pop diva and actress. Featuring performances across six decades from the BBC archives, including her first UK hit *I Got You Babe*, with Sonny Bono, in 1965, *Walking in Memphis* from 1995 and the 1998 number one smash *Believe*. Plus memorable chat show moments. Producers Simon Goretzki and Shelley Talton (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 The Witches of Eastwick ★★★★★

Comedy drama with Jack Nicholson and Cher. Nothing ever happens in the sleepy New England town of Eastwick. But that's about to change when three bored, independent women make a wish for a dynamic man to enter their lives. So when the charismatic and mysterious Daryl Van Horne arrives on the scene, they find themselves happily taken in by his charms, but then strange things start to happen. On iPlayer until New Year's Eve. **Review page 49.**

Daryl Van Horne	Jack Nicholson	Clyde Alden	Richard Jenkins
Alexandra Medford	Cher	Walter Neff	Keith Jochim
Jane Spofford	Susan Sarandon	Fidel	Carel Struycken
Sukie Ridgemont	Michelle Pfeiffer	Mrs Biddie	Helen Biddle
Felicia Alden	Veronica Cartwright		

Director George Miller (2) (1987, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.50am Wild Men ★★

Crime comedy drama starring Rasmus Bjerg and Zaki Yousef. Experiencing a mid-life crisis, Martin flees his family to live like a Viking in the Norwegian mountains. But his efforts at hunting come to little, and after stealing from a local shop, he finds himself on the run with a drug smuggler – and the police on their trail. Danish subtitles. Available on iPlayer for 6 months. Director Thomas Daneskov (2021, 15) (W) (HD)

2.30-3.30am Celebrity Antiques Road Trip With David Blunkett and Lesley Garrett. Shown last Wednesday (S) (HD)

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ITV1

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I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

9.30pm
Who's in the race to follow jungle queen Jill Scott?



4.05pm ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

4.30 Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

7/8. It's the semi-final, and with only four of the six remaining wannabes making it through to the live final, they get some timely advice from *Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again* star Cher. Zoe Ball presents. The final is tomorrow at 6.30pm. Shown last Sunday (S) (HD)

Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again tomorrow 4.20pm

5.45 Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2

★★★★★ Fantasy adventure starring Daniel Radcliffe, Emma Watson and Rupert Grint. Young wizard Harry Potter continues his quest for the magical horcruxes, the key to Lord Voldemort's immortality. His journey takes him to the vault of Voldemort's ally Bellatrix Lestrange, before he returns to Hogwarts for a final confrontation with his archenemy. **Film of the Day: page 49.**

Harry Potter	Daniel Radcliffe	Bill Weasley	Domhnall Gleeson
Hermione Granger	Emma Watson	Fleur Delacour	Clémence Poésy
Ron Weasley	Rupert Grint	Rubeus Hagrid	Robbie Coltrane
Lord Voldemort	Ralph Fiennes	Lucius Malfoy	Jason Isaacs
Bellatrix Lestrange	Helena Bonham Carter	Griphook/Filius Flitwick	Warwick Davis
Mr Ollivander	John Hurt	Aberforth Dumbledore	Ciarán Hinds
Ginny Weasley	Bonnie Wright	Narcissa Malfoy	Helen McCrory
Professor Albus Dumbledore	Michael Gambon	Professor Minerva McGonagall	Maggie Smith
Professor Severus Snape	Alan Rickman	Draco Malfoy	Tom Felton
Luna Lovegood	Evanna Lynch	Neville Longbottom	Matthew Lewis

Director David Yates (2011, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.00 The Voice UK

6/9 Series 12. Emma Willis introduces the final round of blind auditions, as judges Tom Jones, will.i.am, Anne-Marie and Olly Murs take their seats in the big red spinning chairs to listen to more talented soloists, duos and vocal groups. It's their last chance to impress the judges and secure a place in the Callbacks. Who will make the famous four press their buttons tonight?

Studio director Diccon Ramsay
Series producer Leo Holden (S) (HD)

9.30 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

For the last surviving campmates, the crown is within reach. No one wants to leave before the grand final, but who has been hardy enough to tolerate the stomach-churning menu? Ant and Dec trawl through the best moments from the past 24 hours. The final is tomorrow at 9pm.

Executive producers Olly Nash, Iona Mackenzie, Laura Woolf and Katrina Morrison Rptd tomorrow 12.20pm ITV2 (S) (AD) (HD)

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10.35 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.55 The 1% Club

8/8 Series 2. Lee Mack gives 100 contestants the chance to win big-money prizes by solving a succession of mind-bending logic problems. Exec producers Dean Nabarro, Andy Auerbach (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.50 EFL Highlights

Goals, reaction and analysis from the weekend matches in all three divisions of the EFL. Shown 9pm ITV4 Repeated tomorrow 11.55pm (S) (HD)

1.10am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Inside M&S 1/2. A glimpse behind the scenes at one of the UK's biggest retailers. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers head to Barry, south Wales. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

A Royal Guide to Christmas

7.00pm
Fit for a King: revealing how the royal family marks the festive period



3.40pm Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It

In Poole, Dorset, Sue and Roy can't decide what to do with their four-bedroom chalet bungalow. Series producer Laura Harding; Executive producer Jonny Wharton Repeated Monday 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

4.40 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather

(S) (HD)

5.10 "Crocodile" Dundee

★★★★★ Comedy adventure. Australian folk hero Mick Dundee has a unique outlook on life. Reporter Sue Charlton travels to the outback to discover the man behind the legend and uncovers more than she bargained for. **Review page 49.**

Michael J "Crocodile" Dundee	Paul Hogan	Walter Reilly	John Meillon
Sue Charlton	Linda Kozlowski	Neville Bell	David Gulpilil
Director Peter Fairman (1986, 15) (S) (W) (HD)	Richard Mason	Mark Blum	

Also showing Tuesday 10.05pm 4seven

7.00 A Royal Guide to Christmas

RT A look at how the festive period is celebrated by the royal family, featuring everything from extravagant black tie dinners and celebrity carol concerts to enormous Christmas trees. Historically it was a 12-day celebration filled with performances, jousting tournaments and even coronations. But these days Christmas is a much more down to earth affair. **See page 42.**

Series producer Poppy Pinnock; Executive producers Nick Mavroidakis and Kate Beal (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Christmas at Harewood House

2/3. For the Christmas period, David Lascelles, the eighth Earl of Harewood, and his team commission 11 cutting-edge artists to transform the grand state rooms with installations that showcase their own different interpretations of winter festivities. But will the experience be what the house's 40,000 loyal visitors are expecting? Producer Victoria Hepburn Executive producer Charlie Clay (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum

★★★★★ Action thriller. With a bounty on his head making him the target of top assassins, famed hitman John Wick goes on the run.

Heading for Casablanca, he meets an old friend who might be able to help him. **Review p49.**

John Wick	Keanu Reeves	Charon	Lance Reddick
Sofia	Halle Berry	Tick Tock Man	Jason Mantzoukas
Bowery King	Laurence Fishburne	The Director	Anjelica Huston
Winston	Ian McShane	The Elder	Said Taghmaoui
Zero	Mark Dacascos	Berrada	Jerome Flynn
The Adjuciator	Asia Kate Dillon		

Director Chad Stahelski (2019, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
Also showing Thursday 9pm 4seven

11.30 Patriot Games

★★★★ Thriller based on the novel by Tom Clancy. In London, former CIA analyst Jack Ryan saves a member of the royal family from an IRA attack and becomes a target for revenge. **Review p49.**

Jack Ryan	Harrison Ford	Sean Miller	Sean Bean
Dr Cathy Ryan	Anne Archer	Sally Ryan	Thora Birch
Kevin O'Donnell	Patrick Bergin	Lord Holmes	James Fox

Director Phillip Noyce (1992, 15) (S) (W) (HD)
Also showing Thursday 11.35pm 4seven

1.40am Them That Follow

★★★★ Drama starring Olivia Colman. In an isolated community, Pastor Lemuel Childs uses snakes to "prove" the innocence of his believers, but his daughter holds a secret that could put her life in danger. Available to stream for 7 days. Directors Britt Poulton, Dan Madison Savage (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

3.20 The Couple Next Door 3/6. The couples go on a weekend away together. Shown last Mon (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

4.15-6.15am Hollyoaks Omnibus edition. Shown last Monday to Friday E4 (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

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24 in Scotland

Hidden Assets

9.00pm Frances Swann (Karine Vanasse) is forced to take drastic action



7.00pm What's Your Thing?

Dressing Up and Fighting Orcs Journalist Adam Clarkson enters a secretive world of live-action role play. The whole series is on iPlayer. Producer Jack Suddaby (R) (S) (HD)

7.10 Dan Cruickshank and the Family That Built Gothic Britain

Exploring the changing fortunes of a family of architects that includes Sir George Gilbert Scott, his son George Junior, and grandson Giles. Dan Cruickshank finds out how the dynasty was responsible for the creation of landmarks such as the Gothic revival Midland Hotel at St Pancras station and the mid-20th-century Bankside power station (now Tate Modern). Director/Producer Tim Dunn Repeated 1.55am (R) (S) (HD)

8.10 The Man Who Cycled the Americas

3/3. South America. A lift on a container boat through the Panama Canal gets Mark Beaumont into Ecuador and onto a series of roads in poor condition, with uphill slogs. Then a bout of food poisoning puts him behind schedule to reach Mount Aconcagua in Argentina. First shown in 2010. Director Nick Shoolingin-Jordan Producers Tony Nellany and Nick Shoolingin-Jordan Signed repeat 2.55am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Hidden Assets

RT 3/6 Series 2. Bibi's life hangs in the balance. A PR disaster threatens Frances Swann's plans. (S) (AD) (HD) 9.50 4/6. In the aftermath of an attack in Ireland, Claire heads to Antwerp to make contact with a witness. Christian hits a dead end. English, Flemish +subtitles. A box set is on iPlayer. **See page 43.** (S) (AD) (HD)

Claire Wallace
Bibi Melnick
Christian De Jong
Sean Prendergast
Norah Dillon
James Melnick
Vince Thijs
Josh O'Lea
Mila
Aubrey Cline
Erik Maes
Isobel Delvey
Passent Hussein
Frances Swann
Eileen Gately – CAB Chief

Nora-Jane Noone
Simone Kirby
Wouter Hendrickx
Aaron Monaghan
Cathy Belton
Charlie Carrick
Gilles de Schryver
Kwaku Fortune
Maya Albert
Bert Kettermans
Steve Geerts
Natali Broods
Eve Kamanda
Karine Vanasse
Jane Brennan

10.45 All Aboard! The Great Reindeer Migration

A Slow TV experience, following Norway's Sami reindeer herds as they migrate across the region of Finnmark, far north of the Arctic Circle.

Producers Thomas Hellum, Bengt Roger Keven and Rebecca Nedregotten Strand (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.50am Yes Minister 4/8 Series 3. The Moral Dimension. Hacker is vulnerable to accusations of corruption. Shown last Tue (S)

1.20 Some Mothers Do 'Ave 'Em 6/6 Series 3. Australia House. The Spencers want to emigrate. Shown last Tuesday (S)

1.55 Dan Cruickshank and the Family That Built Gothic Britain Shown 7.10pm (S) (HD)

2.55-3.45am The Man Who Cycled the Americas Shown 8.10pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC1 SCOTLAND

4.00pm Landward: Dougie Vipond meets farmers concerned about new powerlines 4.30-5.25 SportsScene Results 11.40 SportsScene: Premiership Highlights: including Rangers v Dundee and St Mirren v Ross County 12.55am Doctor Who: Unleashed 1.25 The Rap Game UK 2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead 2.30-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven 7.15 The Edit 7.30 SportsScene: Premiership Highlights 8.45 Inside Central Station: staff work to raise awareness of homelessness 9.45 Scot Squad: frenzied speculation links the Chief to the vacancy at the top of the Metropolitan Police 10.15 Kin: double bill. Frank visits his brother Bren in jail, then Eamon and Amanda discuss a way to end the war 11.55-12 midnight Loop

STV

1.10-3.00am Night Vision 3.50-5.05 Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

4.00-4.30pm Kiri's TV Flashback: Kiri Pritchard-McLean finds the funniest clips about food and drink

BBC2 WALES

12.00-1.00pm Remarkable Places to Eat at Christmas 6.00pm Richard Osman's House of Games 6.30 Amy Dowden's Dare to Dance: the dancer helps someone who was told she would never fulfil her lifelong dream 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip 8.00-9.00 Secrets of the Aquarium

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

6.00pm Paula McIntyre's Hamely Kitchen: Paula makes beef olives with onion gravy and creamy mash 6.30 Richard Osman's House of Games: with Malorie Blackman, Matt Dawson, Ranvir Singh and Chris McCausland 7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip: Tez Ilyas and Eshaan Akbar visit Lancashire 8.00-9.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

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SATURDAY Freeview

Channel 5

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Bridget Jones's Diary 10.25pm Renée Zellweger stars in the romantic comedy

5.40am Milkshake! See page 48

9.50 The Smurfs Vanity gives one of the Smurfs a makeover. (R) (S) (HD)

10.05 SpongeBob SquarePants Patrick suddenly grows a beard. (R) (S) (HD)

10.15 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

10.20 Friends Series 9. Monica and Chandler interview potential sperm donors. **10.50** The gang visits Barbados.

11.15 Ross delivers his lecture at the palaeontology conference. (R) (S) (HD)

11.45 A Big Family Christmas ★★

Comedy drama starring Haylie Duff. Liam whisks his girlfriend off to her favourite childhood festive vacation spot. Director Maria Sokoloff (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

1.35pm Nostalgic Christmas ★★ Romantic drama. Anne helps her father as he steps in to organise the town's Christmas celebration, bringing her close to a widower. Director JB Sugar (2019) (S) (W) (HD)

3.25 A Christmas Cookie Catastrophe P ★★ Romantic comedy. Annie takes over her late grandmother's biscuit business but someone steals the secret family recipe. Director Jeff Beesley (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

5.15pm A Christmas Masquerade ★★ P Romantic comedy. A woman swaps places with her boss and soon finds herself falling in love with a client. Director Michelle Ouellet (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

7.00 Greatest Christmas Movies of All Time Classics such as *White Christmas* and *It's a Wonderful Life*, as well as more recent films such as *Bad Santa* and *Elf*, feature in this countdown, first shown in 2013. Executive producers Matt Crook, Andrew Newman and Emma Clarke (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 The Great White Christmas of '81

Over 40 years ago, the UK experienced one of the coldest months of the 20th century, with much of the country covered in snow. Drawing on unseen archive and celebrity anecdotes, this film tells the story of December 1981. Director/Producer Joshua Whitehead (S) (HD)

10.25 Bridget Jones's Diary ★★★★★ Romantic comedy adapted from the novel by Helen Fielding.

Thirty-something Bridget Jones is busy lamenting her lack of a good man when two come along at once: her flirtatious boss Daniel Cleaver and uptight childhood friend Mark Darcy. Unfortunately, the two men have met before, and she soon finds herself thrust into the centre of a bizarre love triangle. **Review page 49.**

Bridget Jones Renée Zellweger
Mark Darcy Colin Firth
Daniel Cleaver Hugh Grant
Bridget's dad Jim Broadbent
Bridget's mum Gemma Jones
Sharon Sally Phillips

Director Sharon Maguire (2001, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.30am Criminals: Caught on Camera (R) (S) (HD) **1.00** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Entertainment News (S) (HD) **3.05** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.15** House Doctor (R) (S) (SL) **5.05** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL) **5.30-5.40am** Entertainment News (S) (HD)

C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105

+1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 305

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

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The Divergent Series: Allegiant 8.05pm Four (Theo James) breaks out

7.00pm EastEnders

Phil is determined to get answers. Shown last Wed BBC1 Cast Tue/Thu BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) Followed by **Laugh Lessons** (S) (HD)

7.35 New. Doctor Who: Unleashed

RT 3/3. Steffan Powell goes behind the scenes with the cast of tonight's episode, *The Giggle*. Over 800 episodes of *Doctor Who* are on iPlayer. See page 42. Repeated tonight BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.05 The Divergent Series: Allegiant

★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Shailene Woodley and Theo James. With a war looming, Tris and her friends escape Chicago but are intercepted and taken to the Bureau of Genetic Welfare. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 89.** Director Robert Schwentke (2016, 12) (S) (W) (HD) Also showing Wednesday 9.30pm

9.55 Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps

1/2. Janet waits for Gaz to announce he has chosen her over Donna.

10.25 2/2. In a *Sliding Doors* parody, Donna imagines two outcomes of Gaz's accident.

10.55 1/6 Series 9. Gaz struggles to adjust to being in a wheelchair.

11.25 2/6. Billy's behaviour continues to baffle Gaz. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 Juice

1/6. In an attempt to impress his boss, Jamma uses his brother for market research at work. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

12.25am Juice: five episodes (S) (HD) **2.25** Charlotte in Sunderland (S) (HD) **3.25-3.55am** Doctor Who: Unleashed (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Dress to Impress: triple bill of the series (S) (SL) (HD)

12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Shown yesterday ITV1 (HD) **1.30pm** Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream Shown last Sunday ITV1 Repeated 4.30pm ITV1 (S) (HD) **2.55 FILM** Turbo

★★★★ Animated comedy adventure featuring the voices of Ryan Reynolds, Paul Giamatti and Samuel L Jackson (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **4.45 FILM** Sing ★★★★★ Animated comedy musical featuring the voices of Matthew McConaughey, Scarlett Johansson and Reese Witherspoon (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.55pm FILM *Nativity Rocks!* ★ Comedy sequel starring Simon Lipkin and Craig Revel Horwood. Teaching assistant Jerry decides to help a young Syrian refugee track down his father. Meanwhile, St Bernadette's Primary prepares for its festive play. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

9.00 FILM *We're the Millers* ★★ Comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Sudeikis. In order to repay a debt to his drug supplier, small-time pot dealer David Clark agrees to smuggle a shipment of marijuana across the Mexican border. However, to carry out the deception, David recruits a stripper and two teenagers to pose as his family. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 Family Guy Series 18. Peter is grounded by Lois after secretly overspending the family money on a credit card. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Series 19. All Lois wants is help with the Christmas shopping, but when the family fail her she walks out on them. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) **1.15** Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD) **1.45** Unwind (S) (HD) **3.00** Home Shopping **5.00** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10-6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115

+1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3

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The Suspicions of Mr Whicher 11.00pm A divorce case turns deadly

6.00am Never the Twain: the duo re-enact an ancient battle (S) **6.35** A Touch of Frost: Series 3. *Appropriate Adults*. Jack tackles a sensitive investigation (S) (SL) (AD) **8.45** Agatha Christie's Poirot: *Cards on the Table* A bridge player is stabbed through the heart (S) (AD) (HD) **10.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8. *Dead in the Water*. A body is found in a river; **12.50pm** *Orchis Fatalis*. A rare orchid is smuggled into Midsomer Malham, prompting a killing spree; **2.50** *Second Sight* A man collapses and dies outside a pub after a fight with his brother-in-law (S) (AD)

4.55pm Midsomer Murders

Series 8. *Hidden Depths*. Barnaby investigates the apparent suicide of a solicitor who was rumoured to be stealing from clients – but the case is complicated by the subsequent murder of a rival lawyer. With Oliver Ford Davies.

7.00 Sauce for the Goose. A tour of a factory ends in tragedy when one of the visitors is crushed to death. The dead man is found to be an executive with a rival company. The investigation uncovers many secrets and lies, but who feels strongly enough about their product to kill? Annette Crosbie and James Fleet guest-star.

9.00 The Stitcher Society. A local outcast, who was controversially acquitted of murder years previously, joins a cardiac rehabilitation group. However, following his arrival, his fellow members' dreams of a second chance at life begin to be mysteriously cut short. Guest starring Keith Allen, John Thomson and Hannah Waddingham. (S) (AD)

11.00 The Suspicions of Mr Whicher *The Ties That Bind*. Whicher is hired by a West Country landowner to follow his wife as she meets her lover, but this seemingly straightforward adultery case soon takes a dark twist. Starring Paddy Considine and Nancy Carroll. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05am Scott & Bailey: 2/3 Series 5 Rachel's safety is in question (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.05-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117

+1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

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6.00am The Champions (S) **7.00 New**. Extreme E Highlights (S) (HD) **8.05** The Best of the 70s (S) (HD) **8.25** The NFL Show (S) (HD) **9.30 New**. Racing: the Opening Show (S) (HD) **10.30** The Big Match Revisited (S) (HD) **11.40** Lost Car Rescue (S) (HD)

12.35pm The Car Years (S) (HD) **1.10 LIVE** Racing: coverage from Sandown Park, including the Henry VIII Novices' Chase and Tingle Creek Chase, plus the Becher Chase at Aintree (S) (HD) **4.05** World of Sport (S) (HD) **4.15** The Grand Fishing Adventure (S) (HD)

8.25pm River Monsters Jeremy Wade enlists the help of a witch doctor to catch a goliath tigerfish in the Congo River. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00 New**. *EFL Highlights* Featuring Blackburn Rovers v Leeds United, Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion, Leicester City v Plymouth Argyle and Middlesbrough v Ipswich Town. Repeated 11.50pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

10.35 FILM *Rocky* ★★★★★ Oscar-winning sports drama written by and starring Sylvester Stallone. A down-on-his-luck boxer gets a shot at the heavyweight title. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00am Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **2.05** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **2.30-3.00am** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118

+1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Agatha and the Truth of Murder 8.00pm The author goes under cover

7.00am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 3/6 Series 7. Mike and his team investigate the murder of the Brokenwood Savings Bank manager (S) (AD) (HD) **8.45** Lovejoy: 2/13 Series 3. Five episodes. The antiques dealer falls for one of Lady Jane's old school friends; **9.50 3/13** Eric gets involved with a rock band; **10.50 4/13**. The trade in medals turns lethal; **11.50 5/13**. An Australian collector visits; **12.50pm 6/13**. Lovejoy is in hospital (S) **1.50** Dalziel & Pascoe: 5/5 Series 11. The trial of a child murderer collapses (AD) **4.00** Father Brown: 4/15 Series 5. *The Chedworth Cyclone*. Suspicious circumstances surround the death of a local fighter; **5.00 5/15**. *The Hand of Lucia*. A writer is murdered (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00pm The Brokenwood Mysteries 4/6 Series 7. *Something Nasty at the Market*. The town looks into the murder of a farmers' market owner, who staggers into the crowd with a garden implement embedded into her back. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Agatha and the Truth of Murder The 11-day disappearance of Agatha Christie in 1926 is officially explained by a period of memory loss due to exhaustion. This drama, by Tom Dalton, imagines that she engineered her disappearance in order to go under cover and investigate a true-life murder. (HD)

10.00 The Missing 2/8 Series 1. *Pray for Me*. Three days after Oliver's disappearance, suspicion falls on a known paedophile living in the area. Tony is tempted to find out more from journalist Malik Suri. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.20 Rebus

3/4 Series 1. *Dead Souls*. The gruff detective investigates a colleague's link to a convicted paedophile, but gets distracted by a plea from an old flame to find her missing son. John Hannah stars. (S)

1.30am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 2/6 Series 7. A health retreat becomes unhealthy for one visitor (HD) **3.10-4.00am** Birds of a Feather: 15/15 Series 6. Sharon dreams of an alternative Christmas scene (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries (S) (HD) **2.00** Fletchers' Family Farm: the family puts pet lamb Aga in with the rest of the flock (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10 FILM** Christmas in Rockwell ★★ Romance starring Trish Stratus. English, German +subtitles (S) (W) (HD) **5.00 FILM** Secret Santa ★★ Romance (S) (W) (HD)

7.00 Christmas Dinner Date Jack from London picks three blind dates. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Scott chooses people to date based on the menus he most likes the look of. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 FILM *Burlesque* ★★ Musical drama starring Christina Aguilera and Cher. An Iowa waitress with a head full of dreams goes to Hollywood and takes a job as a waitress at a burlesque bar, hoping that she might make it to the stage. **Review page 109.** (S) (W) (HD)

11.25 Vanderpump Rules In one of the most shocking *Secrets Revealed* episodes in the show's history, we get a deeper glimpse into the fallout of the group post-Scandoval. (S) (HD)

12.25-12.55am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 **+1** Virgin 319

More4

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Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown 11.05pm Harry Hill joins in the fun

8.55am Supermarkets Unwrapped: the Snacks Aisle (AD) **9.30** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.25** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **12.25pm** Location, Location, Location **1.30** Matt Baker: Travels with Mum and Dad (AD) **2.35** Come Dine with Me: from Glasgow **5.15pm** Four in a Bed Visits to B&Bs in Leicestershire and Buckinghamshire, plus two establishments in East Sussex. **7.55 999: on the Front Line** Paramedics Neil Vann and Laura Perkins respond to a well-known drunk nuisance caller, while Jan Vann and Chelsie Kennedy are sent to help a baby who has been having a fit. **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** A 66-year-old woman is rushed to St George's struggling to breathe through her tracheostomy, while a ten-year-old is brought in after falling at school and suffering internal bleeding. (AD) **10.00** Mark, a resident at a neurological hospital, is rushed to St George's struggling to breathe, while three-year-old Thomas is brought in with a high temperature. (AD) **11.05 Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown** A compilation of the best moments, featuring Harry Hill, Bob Mortimer, Katherine Ryan, Alex Horne and Rose Matafeo. **12.10am** Jimmy Carr hosts, as Sean Lock and Harry Hill take on Jon Richardson and Rosie Jones. Nick Mohammed is in Dictionary Corner. **1.15** 24 Hours in A&E: double bill of the medical documentary (AD) **3.25-3.50am** A Place in the Sun: a holiday home on the Costa Blanca

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 +1 Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

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6.00am Modern Family **6.55** Lego Masters Australia (AD) **8.25** Made in Chelsea **9.25** Modern Family **11.55** The Great Celebrity Bake Off for Stand Up to Cancer (SL) (AD) **1.00pm** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.50** **FILM** Scooped ★★★★★ Comedy starring Bill Murray and Karen Allen (AD) **4.50** The Great Christmas Bake Off 2020 (AD) **6.05pm** **FILM** Transformers: the Last Knight ★★ Sci-fi action adventure starring Mark Wahlberg and Anthony Hopkins. When Optimus Prime returns to what is left of Cybertron, he is brainwashed by seductive leader Quintessa to return to Earth to obtain a mystical staff belonging to Merlin which will bring his home planet back to life. (AD) **9.00** **Celebrity Gogglebox** Among the famous faces are Martin and Roman Kemp, Gyles Brandreth and Dame Maureen Lipman, Lorraine Kelly and Rosie Smith, and Mo Gilligan and Babatunde Aleshe. (AD) **10.00** **Gogglebox** Opinions on TV from May 2021, including Line of Duty, Beat the Chasers and My Octopus Teacher. (AD) **11.05** Reactions to programmes including SAS: Who Dares Wins and Dragons' Den. (AD) **12.05am** First Dates: Valentine's Special (SL) (AD) **1.10** First Dates (SL) (AD) **2.10** **Celebrity Gogglebox** (SL) (AD) **3.10** **Gogglebox** (SL) (AD) **4.05** Modern Family **4.55-6.00am** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **E4** Freesat 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 +1 Freesat 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 **E4 Extra** F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Antiques Road Trip **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun (AD) **3.00** **Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House** **4.00** Helicopter ER **8.00** Saving Lives at Sea **9.00** **New.** The Ghost Town Terror: the team reveal their findings **10.00** **New.** Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room **11.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **12** **midnight** Eli Roth Presents: a Ghost Ruined My Life **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00-6.00am** Animal Cops Phoenix (AD) **Really** Freesat 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

BBC News Freesat 231 Freesat 212 Sky 503 Virgin 601 **Sky News** Freesat 233 Freesat 202 Sky 501 Virgin 603 EE 313

Sky Arts

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Queen: Days of Our Lives 8.00pm A look at the band's remarkable story

6.00am Spring Storms **8.35** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **11.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **1.00pm** Classic Albums **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year **4.00** Discovering: Sean Penn: a profile of the actor who won Oscars for *Mystic River* and *Milk* **5.00pm** **Phil Collins: Going Back to Detroit** The singer explores the roots and legacy of Detroit's unique music scene in the 1960s and 70s, as he joins the Funk Brothers to record an album of favourite Motown hits. **6.00** **Genesis: Sum of the Parts** A profile of one of the most successful British bands in rock, featuring interviews with Phil Collins, Peter Gabriel, Tony Banks, Mike Rutherford and Steve Hackett. (AD) **8.00** **Queen: Days of Our Lives** Telling the story of the British rock band, who formed as university students in 1971 and have sold more than 300 million records worldwide. **9.15** The peak of the rock outfit's success, when they broke attendance records at stadium shows in South America and gave a stunning performance at Live Aid in 1985. **10.30** **Freddie Mercury: the Great Pretender** A profile of the Queen frontman, exploring his time away from the band – including a collaboration with Michael Jackson and the triumphant *Barcelona* duet with Montserrat Caballé. **12.15am** Ringo Starr: Ringo at the Ryman **2.55** Classic Albums **5.00** Patti Smith: Music Icons **5.30-6.00am** Simple Minds: Music Icons **Sky Arts** Freesat 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Find It, Fix It, Flop It: triple bill **12 noon** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun: three editions **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** Jean Johansson helps Georgina and Robert find a holiday home on the island of St Lucia. **7.00** A couple search for a holiday home on Spain's Orihuela Costa. Shown last Monday C4 **8.00** **Location, Location, Location** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer revisit successful buyers to see if the properties they bought were everything they had hoped for. **9.00** **Grand Designs** Kevin McClood meets with Olaf and Fritha, who set out to build a home on a piece of land that is boxed in by a railway line and an A-road. Shown last Wed C4 (AD) **10.00** **Christmas at Harewood House 2/3** Series 3. An episode from last year following life at Harewood House, including plans to transform all the grand state rooms with installations from 11 cutting-edge artists. **11.05 24 Hours in A&E** A 20-year-old is rushed in after coming off her motorbike. (AD) **12.10am** **Gogglebox** (AD) **1.15** Jimmy Carr's I Literally Just Told You **2.20** Jon and Lucy's Odd Couples **3.20** Christmas in New York: inside the Plaza (AD) **4.20-4.50am** How Safe Is Your Turkey? Dispatches: food safety concerns (AD) **4seven** F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

12

6.00am Massive Engineering Mistakes **7.00** Mega Shippers **8.00** Wheeler Dealers **2.00pm** The Repair Shop **4.00** Outback Car Hunters **6.00pm** Richard Hammond's Workshop **8.00** Who Do You Think You Are?: Ruth Jones traces her family tree **9.00** The Repair Shop: items include a wall clock with an extraordinary story **10.00** The Hotel Inspector: Alex Polizzi helps the owner of a Surrey guesthouse improve his business **11.00** Mysteries of the Deep: Jeremy looks at a puzzling defeat at the Battle of Actium **12** **midnight** Loch Ness Monster: New Evidence **2.00am** Border Control Sweden **3.00** Destroyed in Seconds **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made **Quest** Freesat 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 +1 Freesat 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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One Foot in the Grave 10.00pm Victor is in for a big shock after his holiday

6.10am Hornby: a Model World (AD) **8.00** Bangers and Cash: five editions (AD) **1.00pm** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **4.00** Great Continental Railway Journeys **6.00pm** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Travelling from Barcelona to Majorca, Michael Portillo traces the early roots of the Spanish Civil War. **7.00** **Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** Derek encourages the team to buy a Francis-Barnett Plover at auction. **8.00** Derek thinks a 29,000-mile Ford Capri should be kept original. He also views a Hercules women's racing bike from the 1950s. **9.00** Derek picks out a 1969 MGB for the team to look out for at auction. Afterwards, it is sent to a father-and-son team to restore. **10.00** **One Foot in the Grave** The disaster-prone Meldreys return from an overseas holiday to find their home has been demolished. **10.40** Victor and Margaret agree to pet-sit a tortoise for a friend, and an anniversary outing to the theatre ends in disaster. **11.20** Margaret joins an amateur dramatic society and Victor pens a sitcom script. **12** **midnight** Bangers and Cash (AD) **1.00-3.00am** The Architecture of the Railways Built (AD) **Yesterday** Freesat 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 +1 Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

19

7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun: double bill **9.00** Railroad Australia **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.30pm** Australian Ninja Warrior **4.00** Soapbox Race **6.00pm** **Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone Fishing** Paul and Bob visit the island of North Uist in the Outer Hebrides and head to a tidal pool on the north tip of the island. **6.40** Bob and Paul accept an invitation to fish in the estate lake of Burghley House. **7.20** The duo are in the Lake District to fish at a couple of the UK's best loved beauty spots - Derwentwater and Watendlath Tarn. (AD) **8.00** **QI XL** With guests Andy Hamilton, Rich Hall, Phill Jupitus and Alan Davies. **9.00** **QI** Bridget Christie, Johnny Vegas and Holly Walsh take part in the quiz. **9.40** **FILM** **Traffic** ★★★★★ Michael Douglas, Benicio Del Toro, Catherine Zeta-Jones and Don Cheadle star in Steven Soderbergh's Oscar-winning, crime drama that shows how disparate lives in the USA and Mexico are interconnected through the drugs trade. English, Spanish +subtitles. **Review p109.** (W) **12.55am** **QI 2.10** Meet the Richardsons **3.25-4.00am** We Are Not Alone (AD) **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave** **Ja Vu** Freesat 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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6.00am Nothing to Declare **11.00** UK Border Force (AD) **12 noon** Road Wars **1.00pm** Highway Cops (AD) **2.00** A Wild Year on Earth (AD) **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00** Amazing Animal Friends **5.00** Nature's Fast Attacks (AD) **6.00** Age of the Big Cats: the stories of the puma and the leopard (AD) **7.00** Caught on Dashcam: two editions of road disasters captured on video by drivers' dashboard cameras **9.00** Britcam: Emergency on Our Streets: Rob and Val help boozy revellers onboard Maidstone's Urban Blue Bus (AD) **10.00** **FILM** Over the Top ★★ Drama starring Sylvester Stallone. Lincoln Hawk, a tough arm-wrestling truck driver, fights for the love of his son (W) **12** **midnight** The Force: North East **1.00am** Night Cops **2.00** Border Security: Canada's Front Line **4.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol **Sky Mix** Freesat 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Murder, She Wrote: nine back-to-back episodes of the series (AD) **6.00pm** Murder, She Wrote: triple bill. Jessica investigates a college murder **7.00** A breakdown leaves Jessica and a fellow writer stranded at a run-down motel **8.00** One of Jessica's former students publishes a bestselling novel (AD) **9.00** War of the Worlds: Series 2. Triple bill. Bill joins the military group formed by Ethan, Dominic and Michael **10.05** Isla manages to flee and join her family **11.05** Emily agrees to help Bill test her for the virus **12.10am** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: triple bill **2.50** The Blacklist: Red and Liz are split up **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera **5 USA** F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) +1 Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.10** **FILM** Write before Christmas ★★ **10.00** **FILM** Christmas Ever After ★★ **11.55** **FILM** Mirror Mirror ★★ Fantasy adventure **2.00pm** **FILM** Ever After: a Cinderella Story ★★★★★ Fantasy **4.30** **FILM** Rush Hour ★★★★★ Action comedy **6.25pm** **FILM** **Outbreak** ★★★★★ Thriller starring Dustin Hoffman, René Russo, Morgan Freeman and Cuba Gooding Jr. When Colonel Sam Daniels discovers a lethal virus in an isolated village in Zaire, he is anxious that the outbreak may spread. **9.00** **FILM** **Geostorm** ★★ Sci-fi action thriller starring Gerard Butler. A team develops a satellite that detects and prevents extreme weather events before they occur. (AD) **11.10** **FILM** **Final Destination 3** ★★ Horror starring Mary Elizabeth Winstead. After her classmates cheat death in a rollercoaster accident, a high-school student discovers that a series of photographs holds the key to the fate of the survivors. **1.00am** Trouble on the Terraces: Caught on Camera: stories of disorder **2.05-3.00am** Revenge **5 Star** Freesat 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 +1 Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell **12 noon** Police Interceptors **1.00pm** **FILM** Ten Seconds to Hell ★★ Drama starring Jeff Chandler (BW) **3.05** **FILM** Where Eagles Dare ★★★★★ Second World War drama with Richard Burton **6.10pm** **FILM** **The Hunt for Red October** ★★★★★ Cold War action thriller starring Sean Connery, Alec Baldwin and Scott Glenn. The trial voyage of new Soviet submarine Red October does not go as expected. Captained by the enigmatic Marko Ramius, the vessel heads for America. Is Ramius about to launch a pre-emptive nuclear strike? **9.00** **FILM** **The Fugitive** ★★★★★ Thriller starring Harrison Ford. Despite protesting his innocence, Richard Kimble is sentenced to death for the murder of his wife. En route to prison, he is caught up in a disastrous escape attempt and finds himself on the run. **11.40** **FILM** **Six Bullets** ★★ Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme and Joe Flanigan. A former mercenary comes out of retirement to help a couple whose young daughter has been kidnapped. **2.00-3.00am** Trucking Hell (AD)

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9.00am The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **9.30** **FILM** A Maple Valley Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy drama starring Peyton List **11.15** Air Crash: Disaster Revealed **2.00pm** The Blitz: Britain on Fire **3.00** Nazi Megastructures **6.00pm** **Nazi Megastructures** A look at Josef Goebbels's propaganda techniques. **7.00** Exploring the occupation of Norway. **8.00** **Pompeii: the Discovery with Dan Snow** The historian investigates how the preserved city was discovered. **9.30** **Inferno at Sea: The Deepwater Disaster** The events surrounding the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico in April 2010. **11.00** **Secrets of the Lost Warships** How the USS Nevada survived a nuclear bomb. **12.05am** World War II in Colour (AD) **1.05-3.00am** The Nile with Bettany Hughes

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Television SATURDAY

FREEVIEW channels
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BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201
Sky 504 Virgin 605

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146
Sky 145 Virgin 139

ITVBe
9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder: two episodes **11.15 New.** Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82
Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445



FILM REVIEWS

Great Movies 34

9.00am Evil Intent ★★ A nanny with a secret agenda. (2019) **10.50 Killer Contractor** ★★ Do you trust your builder? Alyshia Ochse (2019) **12.40pm Hidden in Plain Sight** ★★ She can't run from her past. Victoria Barabas (2018) **2.30 Evening** ★★ Overly sentimental and shallow drama. Claire Danes, Toni Collette (2007, 12) **4.50 The Heist** ★★ A top-notch cast lifts this straightforward art-robbery caper. Morgan Freeman, Christopher Walken (2009, 12) **6.45pm Pixels** ★★ Adam Sandler, Kevin James and Josh Gad raise the odd laugh and a few groans in this energetic sci-fi comedy. (2015, 12) **9.00 Jumpin' Jack Flash** ★★ Raunchy comedy starring Whoopi Goldberg as a computer operator getting involved in espionage. (1986, 15) **11.15 The Green Hornet** ★★ Seth Rogen plays the playboy slacker who tries to fight crime. Jay Chou (2011, 12) **2.00am Reasonable Doubt** ★★ Intriguing but implausible thriller. Dominic Cooper (2014, 15) **4.00-5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: The Disappearing Game**

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425
+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.10am Masterson of Kansas ★★ Hokey western. George Montgomery (1954, U) **9.50 Utah Blaine** ★★ Rory Calhoun rides to the rescue. (1957) **11.30 The Rough, Tough West** ★★ Standard "Durango Kid" western. Charles Starrett (1952, U) **12.35pm Mackenna's Gold** ★★ A stellar cast hunts for Apache gold. Gregory Peck, Omar Sharif (1969, 15) **3.10 Coroner Creek** ★★ Randolph Scott wants revenge. (1948, U) **5.05 The Pathfinder** ★★ Adopted Mohican George Montgomery spies for the British army. (1952, U) **6.45pm Two Rode Together** ★★ Rather slow-moving but well-cast John Ford western. James Stewart, Richard Widmark, Shirley Jones (1961, PG) **9.00 Hard Luck** ★★ Ex-con Wesley Snipes is dragged back into a life of crime. Cybill Shepherd (2006, 18) **11.05 Nowhere to Run** ★★ Soft-centred action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. (1992, 15) **1.00am Prison Riot** ★★ Efficient action flick. Dolph Lundgren, Matthew Reese, Chuck Liddell (2015, 18) **2.40 War Machines 3.50-5.00am** Battle Honours **Great Action** Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am Christmas Connection ★★ Stranded over the holidays. Brooke Burns (2017) **10.00 Grounded for Christmas** ★★ Snowy romcom. Julianna Guill (2019) **12 noon Christmas at Holly Lodge** ★★ The hotel with a whole lot of heart. Alison Sweeney (2017) **2.00pm Christmas on Mistletoe Lake** ★★ Scenic romance. Genelle Williams (2022) **4.00 Christmas in Paris** ★★ A former model falls for a French playboy. Rebecca Dalton (2019) **6.00pm Christmas in London** ★★ A Christmas house-swap leads to romance. Laura Vandervoort (2020) **8.00 Snowbound for Christmas** ★★ Trapped in a winter storm. (2019) **10.00 Christmas Getaway** ★★ Strangers are forced to share a mountain cabin. Bridget Regan (2017) **12 midnight Christmas with a Prince: Becoming Royal** ★★ Good-natured romance. (2019) **2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am The Christmas Cabin** ★★ Romantic comedy. Peyton McDavid (2019) **Great Movies Christmas** Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424
+1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am Sky Cinema Preview 7.00 Retribution ★★ Generic action thriller starring Liam Neeson as a man trapped in a car that is rigged to explode. (2023, 12) **8.45 The Cinema List: Black British Actors** **9.00 As** 6.15pm **10.50 As** 4.30pm **12.35pm As** 11.55pm **2.25 As** 9.50pm **4.30 Mummies** ★★ Breezy, fish-out-of-water animated comedy. **Review p36.** Joe Thomas, Eleanor Tomlinson (2023, U) **6.15pm Genie** ★★ Clever festive comedy with Melissa McCarthy as a magical being assigned to help a workaholic father. Paapa Essiedu (2023, PG) **8.00 Love Again** ★★ Schmaltzy romcom in which a reassigned mobile number brings together two strangers. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12) **9.50 May December** ★★ Provocative melodrama from director Todd Haynes, with Natalie Portman. **Review p36.** (2023, 15) **11.55 Renfield** ★★ Madcap horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nifty assistant to Count Dracula (Nicolas Cage). (2023, 15) **1.45am Love Again** As 8pm **3.45 As** 7am **5.30 Sky Cinema Preview** **Sky Premiere** Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Legend 41

7.00am World's Most Unexplained **8.00 The 7 Adventures of Sinbad** ★★ Tacky fantasy action adventure. Patrick Muldoon (2010) **10.00 The Six Million Dollar Man: five episodes 3.00pm The Outlaw** ★★ Laid-back western about Billy the Kid and his compadres. Jack Buetel, Jane Russell (1943, U) **5.00 Gunslinger: Return to Dodge** ★★ Routine TV-movie western. James Arness (1987, 15) **6.55pm Gunslinger: The Last Apache** ★★ A marshal jumps into the saddle to save his daughter in this lumpy western. James Arness (1990, PG) **9.00 Rogue Hostage** ★★ Former Marine Tyrese Gibson is forced into action when gunmen take over his stepfather's supermarket. (2021, 15) **10.55 Never Let Go** ★★ Inconsistent *Taken*-style thriller about a mother searching for her baby in Morocco. Angela Dixon (2015, 15) **12.45am Paradise Cove** ★★ A couple are menaced by a homeless woman. Todd Grinnell, Kristin Bauer van Straten (2021, 15) **2.45-4.30am Curse of the Crimson Altar** ★★ Lacklustre horror. Boris Karloff, Christopher Lee (1968, 15) **Legend** F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am The Last Sharknado: It's about Time ★★ Fin (Ian Ziering) and his buddies have the chance to save mankind in this wacky episode in the low-budget comedy horror series. (2018, 15) **10.00 10.5 Apocalypse: Made-for-TV disaster drama that sees a seismologist battling against a planetary meltdown. 2.00pm Bone Eater** ★★ Bruce Boxleitner and a cast of has-beens are terrorised by an unconvincing skeletal demon in director Jim Wynorski's daft horror. William Katt (2007) **4.00pm Andromeda** Five episodes of the TV sci-fi series. **9.00 Hannie Caulder** ★★ Off-the-wall British western starring Raquel Welch as a vengeful frontierswoman on the trail of the men who raped her and left her a widow. Robert Culp, Ernest Borgnine (1971, 15) **10.45 Rabid** ★★ A medical procedure has gruesome side effects in this gory remake of David Cronenberg's 1976 horror. Laura Vandervoort, Benjamin Hollingsworth (2019, 18) **1.00-3.00am** As 9pm **Legend Xtra** F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371



FILM OF THE DAY **Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2** ★★★★★
5.45-8.00pm **ITV1** **12**

FANTASY The franchise comes to a satisfying conclusion, as Harry (Daniel Radcliffe) and Lord Voldemort (Ralph Fiennes) clash for the last time. Picking up events immediately after *Part 1*, Harry, Hermione and Ron continue their search for the horcruxes, the key to the evil lord's immortality. Meanwhile, dark forces amass around Hogwarts, as its pupils prepare for battle. Every character gets their moment in the spotlight, with the backstory of Snape (Alan Rickman) packing a real wallop. **ALAN JONES** (UK/US 2011, may be edited for violence, language, HD)

Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs 2 ★★
12.25-2.15pm **ITV1** **U**

COMEDY Bill Hader again voices the inventor of a gizmo that can turn water into food in this charmingly surreal animated sequel. Warmed-up leftovers this may be, but the sight gags, daft puns and weird "foodimals" keep it all as zany as the original. More cartoon fun follows, with *How to Train Your Dragon 2*. **AJ** (US 2013, HD)

Easter Parade ★★★★★
1.00-2.40pm **BBC2** **U**

MUSICAL When Gene Kelly broke his ankle, Fred Astaire was coaxed out of retirement to make this delightful movie with Judy Garland. Aided by terrific Irving Berlin songs and radiant design, Astaire, Garland and director Charles Walters made a classic, with *A Couple of Swells* among the memorable routines. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1948, HD)

Some Like It Hot ★★★★★
3.25-5.25pm **BBC2** **U**

See review, page 99. (US 1959, BW, HD)

"Crocodile" Dundee ★★★★★ 5.10-7.00pm **C4** **15**

COMEDY This is the first and best in the series starring Paul Hogan as the Aussie

outback hero. It's a simple fish-out-of-water tale that takes Hogan's bogan he-man to New York. The result is an entertaining romp through the concrete jungle. *"Crocodile" Dundee II* is showing tomorrow. **TOM HUTCHINSON** (Aus/US 1986, edited for content, HD)

John Wick: Chapter 3 – Parabellum ★★★★★
9.00-11.30pm **C4** **15**

ACTION Keanu Reeves's third outing as stoic hitman John Wick finds him on the run with a \$14 million price on his head, forcing him to track down an old ally (Halle Berry). Careening from gun battles and kinetic fights to spectacular stunts, the action only gets slightly wearisome in the protracted finale. **AJ** (US 2019, violence, swearing, HD)

Bridget Jones's Diary ★★★★★
10.25pm-12.30am **C5** **15**

ROMCOM Renée Zellweger brings wit and warmth to author Helen Fielding's hapless 30-something creation. Bridget Jones's love life takes a turn for the better when she has a flirtation with her boss (Hugh Grant), much to the derision of a family friend (Colin Firth). Richard Curtis pens the zinger-laden script. **LORIEN HAYNES** (UK/US 2001, swearing, sex scenes, nudity, HD)

Adaptation. ★★★★★
10.50pm-1.15am **Comedy Central** **15**

DRAMA The team behind *Being John Malkovich*, director Spike Jonze and writer Charlie Kaufman, again demonstrate their style and originality with this dazzling movie. Taking the idea of life imitating art to new extremes, the film stars Nicolas Cage as both Charlie and his (fictitious) brother Donald, while Meryl Streep gets to let her hair down in the role of bestselling novelist Susan Orlean. **SLOAN FREER** (US 2002, violence, swearing, sex scenes, drug abuse, nudity)

The Witches of Eastwick ★★★★★
11.00pm-12.50am **BBC2** **18**

COMEDY DRAMA This raunchy metaphor for the battle between the sexes sees three romance-starved suburban women (Cher, Michelle Pfeiffer and Susan Sarandon) dabble in some off-white magic and conjure up Jack Nicholson's horny devil. It may be swamped with special effects, but *Mad Max* maestro George Miller's film soars with inspired lunacy. **AJ** (US 1987, swearing, sex scenes, HD)

Patriot Games ★★★★★
11.30pm-1.40am **C4** **15**

THRILLER Harrison Ford's first outing as Jack Ryan, the hero of Tom Clancy's novels, sees the ex-CIA man foil an IRA attack in London, saving the life of a peer (James Fox). However, he is soon hounded for his actions by Sean Bean's terrorist. Apart from one brilliant sequence showing a remote-controlled desert massacre, Philip Noyce's thriller feels rather laboured. **TH** (US 1992, violence, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Core ★★★★★
5.35-8.00pm
Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror
The Earth is in peril. (2002, 12)
Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

The Lego Movie ★★★★★
7.30-9.25pm **Sky Animation**
Brick-tacular comedy. (2014, U)
Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

Pearl ★★★★★ 10.20pm-12.15am **Sky Best of 2023**
Horror prequel to *X*. (2022, 15)
Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p34
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Showcase



Lockerbie 10.00pm The town's resident Peter Giesecke

6.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
8.30 The Simpsons 10.30 David Attenborough's Global Adventure (AD) **11.30 LIVE** Women's Super League Football: Manchester City v Aston Villa (kick-off 12.00).

3.00pm New. Soccer Saturday: the day's goals **5.00** The Simpsons

5.30pm The Holiday ★★

Romantic comedy starring Cameron Diaz and Kate Winslet. A transatlantic house swap leads to romantic entanglements for two women at Christmas. (W)

8.00 A League of Their Own

Ep 7 Series 18. Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott.

9.00 Bad Host: Hunting the

RT Couchsurfing Predator

The story of young women who brought down a predatory Italian policeman. See page 43.

10.00 New. Lockerbie

RT A Libyan double agent provides the evidence needed to bring the two suspects to court. See p43.

11.00 The Lazarus Project 4/8

Series 2. The time machine leaves George and his colleagues stranded.

12 midnight Road Wars 1.00am

Street Crime UK **1.30** Christmas Crime UK **2.00** The Force: North East **3.00-6.00am** Nothing to Declare: six editions (AD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 (Virgin 109)
EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted 8.00

Home Shopping **11.00** Stargate SG-1 **4.00pm** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Stargate Universe

8/20 Series 1. The crew members land on a jungle-like planet and contract a mysterious illness, but that is the least of their worries.

7.00 9/20. Camille and Scott use the communication stones to visit loved ones, but their experiences produce different emotions.

8.00 10/20. Young becomes the chief suspect when a crew member is killed. Meanwhile, Rush manages to access the Ancient interface.

9.00 True Blood 11/12 Series 5 Bill slips further into religious fanaticism when the vision of Lilith tells him he is the chosen one. Meanwhile, Russell invades the fairy burlesque club.

10.05 12/12. Eric leads a mission to stop Bill and the Authority. Andy faces the consequences of his light pact and Alcide prepares for a showdown with JD.

11.10 The Blair Witch Project

★★★★ Supernatural horror starring Heather Donahue. In 1994, three students went into the Maryland woods to make a film about the "Blair Witch". They never returned, but a year later their cameras are recovered, complete with footage of their experiences.

1.00am Stargate SG-1

4.00-6.00am Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122
EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Game of Thrones 7.55pm Robb Stark is on the march

6.00am The Guest Wing: triple bill of the series (AD) **9.00** Tin Star: five back-to-back episodes (AD) **2.15pm** Billions: four episodes (AD)

6.45pm Billions 10/12 Series 2 Chuck considers the potential pitfalls while being vetted for political advancement. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 1/10

Series 2. As Westeros prepares for war, Robb Stark marches south to avenge his father, and Stannis sets his sights on the Iron Throne. **9.00 2/10.** Tyrion chastises Cersei for alienating Joffrey's subjects, Theon is reunited with his father, and Stannis makes plans for a naval invasion of King's Landing.

10.05 3/10. Tyrion plots to identify Cersei's spy on the small council. Maester Luwin helps Bran with his dreams, and Catelyn tries to foster an alliance with the Baratheons.

11.10 4/10. Tyrion struggles to find a way to curb Joffrey's cruel excesses and enlists Lancel as an informant. Daenerys and her retinue arrive at the walled city of Qarth.

12.15am 5/10. Catelyn is forced to flee when the Baratheon brothers' rivalry comes to a bloody end, and Lord Baelish spots an opportunity to further his own ambitions. (AD)

1.20 The Staircase (AD) **2.30** True Blood **3.35** In Treatment **4.05-6.00am** The Guest Wing (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Motorway Patrol: five editions **8.30** Border Patrol: seven editions **12 noon** The Force: Manchester **1.00pm** Caught Red Handed **2.30** Caught on Dashcam

3.30pm Nothing to Declare

Nine back-to-back editions of the series following the men and women who defend Australia from drug runners, illegal immigrants and terrorists.

8.00 FBI 17/23 Series 5. When the deputy commander of an air base is kidnapped, the team must work quickly to find the suspect along with stolen ammunition.

9.00 FBI: International 17/22 Series 2. After an American ballerina is the victim of an acid attack, the team heads to Vienna. Smitty receives troubling intel from a familiar face. (AD)

10.00 FBI: Most Wanted 17/22 Series 4. The team jumps into action to find two missing students after their roommate's brother is involved in a homicide.

11.00 The Rookie 2/20 Series 2 Nolan has an unexpected reunion with a former love interest. Officer Bradford is forced to accept help from Officer Chen as he preps for his sergeant exam. (AD)

12 midnight The Good Doctor: the doctors deliver sextuplets **1.00am** For Life (AD) **2.00** The Force: North East **3.00-6.00am** Nothing to Declare: six editions (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110
EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Escape Plan 9.00pm Ray and Emil look for a way out

6.00am Supergirl: five episodes **11.00** Merlin: four back-to-back episodes (AD) **3.00pm** Hawaii Five-0: three episodes of the series

6.00pm Hawaii Five-0 13/24

Series 1. The team investigates when a gang of thieves abducts McGarrett's sister, and it emerges the Yakuza is behind the crimes. **7.00 14/24.** Chin Ho finds a box containing a human head in the wreckage of a car crash, and begrudgingly seeks his ex-fiancée's help to identify the victim.

8.00 A League of Their Own

Ep 7 Series 18. Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott.

9.00 Escape Plan ★★

Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone and Arnold Schwarzenegger. A prison designer is framed for a crime and finds himself incarcerated in a state-of-the-art penitentiary that he designed himself. (W)

11.10 The Lazarus Project 4/8

Series 2. When the time machine doesn't work in the way they planned, George and the other members of the mission are left stranded in the wrong year.

12.10am Road Wars **2.00** The Force: North East **4.00-6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111
EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Dragons: Rescue Riders 9.05

Four Weddings (AD) **11.00** MacGyver: five back-to-back episodes (AD)

4.00pm Manifest: six episodes. The Stones struggle to unlock their mysterious wave of frightening 828 callings **5.00** Michaela is pushed into the middle of a high-stakes bank robbery committed by a mystery assailant **6.00** Grace and Cal are involved in a suspicious hit-and-run

7.00 Ben and Saanvi organise a family reunion for a passenger **8.00** Ben is afraid of losing his daughter to the Believers and confronts Adrian **9.00** Ben tries to connect with Olive following a terrible tragedy (AD)

10.00 A League of Their Own: Romesh Ranganathan hosts the comedy quiz **11.00** A League of Their Own Road Trip: Southeast Asia: four editions **3.00-6.00am** Four Weddings (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Cops (AD) **7.00** Highway Patrol **10.30** Caught Red Handed **12 noon** Caught on Dashcam **1.00pm** How I Caught the Killer (AD) **2.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **4.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers

6.00 Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) **7.00** Killer in My Village **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: the story of murderous friends Sarah Williams and Katrina Walsh **9.00** World's Most Evil Killers: John Eric Armstrong **10.00** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer **11.00** Catching a Serial Killer: Bruce McCarthy (AD)

12.30am How I Caught the Killer **1.30** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **2.30** World's Most Evil Killers **3.30** Road Wars **4.30-6.00am** Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121
EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



Gavin & Stacey 9.00pm The friends celebrate in Barry

7.30am Only Fools and Horses **9.15** Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave **9.55** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death **10.35** Dad's Army: the Animations (AD) **11.10** The Two Ronnies **12.15pm** Dial M for Middlesbrough (AD) **2.15** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **3.40** Trust Morecambe & Wise **4.40** Porridge (AD) **5.40** dinnerladies (AD)

6.30pm Only Fools and Horses

Del received some bad news from the council, but is cheered by a fancy-dress party. (AD)

7.50 The Vicar of Dibley 1/2

It is ten years since Geraldine Granger became the first female vicar of Dibley, and the villagers are keen to celebrate. (AD)

9.00 Gavin & Stacey

Dawn makes a discovery about Pete and a visit to the pub on Christmas Eve proves an eye-opener. (AD)

10.25 Christmas with the

Royle Family The family finish their big Christmas Day dinner and Barbara senses that her turkey wasn't up to scratch. (AD)

11.15 Not Going Out

Lee and the gang spend Christmas in a spooky country house.

12.20am Two Doors Down: 2020

Christmas Special **12.55** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **2.05** Gavin & Stacey (AD) **3.10-4.00am** Not Going Out

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124
EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

10.30 Entourage **1.30pm** The Connors **4.00** Will & Grace: five episodes (AD) **6.30** The Office US: five episodes.

Dwight organises a Pennsylvania-Dutch-themed office Christmas party **7.00** Pam brings lice into the office **7.30** Dwight and Clark pose as father and son **8.00** Jim is forced to miss Ceece's first recital **8.30** Dwight is tasked with finding a part-time replacement for Jim

9.00 Curb Your Enthusiasm: triple bill. Larry offends Maureen **9.40** Larry causes an accidental death while playing golf **10.15** Larry embraces his feminine side **10.50** Saturday Night Live

12.05am New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **1.05** The Office US **2.00** Romantic Getaway (AD) **2.30** Bounty Hunters: double bill (AD) **3.40-5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales)
Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous **9.00** The Middle (AD) **2.00pm** FILM St Trinian's 2: the Legend of Fritton's Gold ★★ Comedy sequel starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth **4.15** Friends: nine episodes (AD) **9.00** FILM American Pie ★★★★★ Comedy starring Jason Biggs. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before their high-school prom, but their efforts have hilarious and outrageous consequences **10.50** FILM Adaptation. ★★★★★ Satirical comedy drama starring Nicolas Cage and Meryl Streep. **Review page 49**

1.15am Mike Judge's Beavis and Butt-Head **2.15** Ugly Americans **2.45** South Park **4.05** Beavis and Butt-Head **4.15-5.00am** Most Ridiculous

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales)
Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360

+1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Death in Paradise 8.00pm Camille and Humphrey

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00pm** Father Brown: four episodes (AD)

6.00pm Inspector George

Gently 1/2 Series 3. A young woman's body is found in a seemingly idyllic Northumberland coastal village in 1966, leading Gently and Bacchus to a family hiding a shocking secret. (AD)

8.00 Death in Paradise 3/8

Series 4. The president of the local military re-enactment society dies mid-battle. (AD)

9.00 Shakespeare and

Hathaway: Private Investigators 8/10 Series 1. Frank and Lu struggle to protect a troubled teenager who is suffering from premonitions of murder. (AD)

9.50 Father Brown 13/15

Series 3. A man is found dead inside a bank vault, and Father Brown must save an innocent man from paying the price. (AD)

10.50 14/15.

The priest is put in a difficult situation when he is told about an assassination plot during a confession. (AD)

11.50 Black Sands 6/8.

Another body is found, connected to a case Frida and Anita are investigating.

1.00am The Diplomat (AD)

2.45-4.00am Hudson & Rex: Charlie and Rex protect a witness (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin 114
EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Barnwood Builders 12 noon

Naked and Afraid: Last One Standing **6.00pm** Gold Rush: Parker's thirst for gold pushes him to open a third claim, stretching his crew and machines to their limits. **7.00** The Garden: Commune or Cult? Tyler M is voted in as a permanent member (AD)

8.00 Gold Rush: White Water: out of fuel and out of options, Dustin risks his life on a resupply mission **9.00** Survive the Raft: Jimmy capitalises on an opportunity to take over the raft **10.00** How the Universe Works: examining what happens when the two most powerful objects in the cosmos collide (AD) **11.00** Aliens in Alaska: strange men in black suits knock on the door of a UFO witness **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers: four back-to-back editions

4.00-5.00am How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177
EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried 9.00

Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **3.00pm** Shed and Buried **6.00** Combat Dealers: two editions. A French museum asks Bruce Crompton for help in acquiring a rare German Panzer I tank, then Bruce helps a Texan millionaire who wants to collect memorabilia from the Battle of Normandy **8.00** Unsolved History: double bill. The sinking of the USS Maine in 1898, then exploring what happened at the 1863 Battle of Gettysburg

10.00 Abandoned: Chernobyl's Deadly Secrets: the causes and outcomes of the events at the Chernobyl site **11.00** Nazi UFO Conspiracy (AD) **12 midnight** Combat Dealers

3.00-5.00am Salvage Hunters

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator 9.00pm

6.00am Discovering: Anthony Quinn **7.00** Discovering: Joan Crawford **8.00** The Directors **9.00** AKA Mr Chow **10.50** My Icon: Leon Pryce (AD) **11.00** **FILM** Project Nim **★★★★** Drama documentary (W) **1.00pm** **FILM** Man on Wire **★★★★★** Drama documentary. English, French +subtitles (W) **3.00** The Last Rider (AD) **5.00** **FILM** Apollo 11 **★★★★★** Documentary (AD) (W)

6.50pm **My Icon: Tanni Grey Thompson** The former paralympian athlete discusses the individuals that inspired her. (AD)

7.10 **On the Line: the Richard Williams Story** The father of tennis stars Venus and Serena retraces his family's journey. (AD)

9.00 **Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator** **RT** The story of young women who brought down a predatory Italian policeman. See page 43.

10.00 **New. Lockerbie** A Libyan double agent provides evidence. See page 43.

11.00 **Class Action Park** A water park that became infamous for its poor safety record. (AD)

12.45am **FILM** Bowling for Columbine **★★★★★** Documentary (W) **3.00** The Child in the Box: Who Killed Ursula Herrmann?

4.50-6.00am Children of Shanghai **Sky Documentaries** Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **9.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **10.00** Europe from Above **11.00** Car SOS (AD)

2.00pm Airport Security: First Class Rome **3.00** To Catch a Smuggler: JFK Airport **4.00** Border Protection Spain

5.00 Air Crash Investigation: four editions. A plane that nosedived into a remote desert **6.00** A plane ends up at the wrong end of a runway, leading to a fatal collision **7.00** The case of a flight that disappeared from radar while headed for Angola **8.00** Experts fail to find a bomb when a Taiwanese plane explodes (AD) **9.00** **New.** The Mission: a Christian missionary killed while trying to convert uncontacted indigenous people **11.00** Hitler's Last Stand (AD)

12 **midnight** Apocalypse: War of the Worlds (AD) **2.00am** Food Factory USA **2.55-5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am River Hunters **6.55** National Park Mysteries **7.45** Pawn Stars

8.40 Hardcore Pawn **11.05** The Proof Is Out There **12** **noon** Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid Builders **2.00pm** Pawn Stars **5.00** Hitler's Engineers **6.00** Great Escapes with Morgan Freeman **7.00** Brad Meltzer's Decoded: double bill. Hidden gatherings of the rich and powerful in rural California, then the role of spying shopkeepers in the American Revolutionary War **9.00** The Toys That Built the World: the competitive rivalry between Matchbox and Hot Wheels

11.00 Scary Tales of New York **12.10am** Hardcore Pawn **2.00** Pawn Stars **5.00-6.00am** Legends of the Pharaohs: Secrets of the Pyramid Builders

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Shark Squad 9.00pm A look at the speed of the mako

6.00am Extreme Africa **9.00** Rewilding **12** **noon** Pridelands: Wilderness Reborn **1.00pm** My Wild Cats **2.00** Monkey Life **3.00** Shark with Steve Backshall (AD) **4.00** Chasing the Rains

6.00pm **Chasing the Rains** Anastasia's herd splits to protect two elephant calves, Kuleta reclaims territory and Phoenix searches for a new mate. **7.00** Behind the scenes with the team protecting Kenyan wildlife.

8.00 **Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride** Exploring how natural selection and human pressure have helped to shape the raccoon dog, golden jackal and maned wolf. **9.00** **Shark Squad** A look at the mako, a relatively unstudied shark species, which has the advantages of a quick-thinking brain and speed.

10.00 **Wild Crusades** A team of wildlife film-makers explore the forests of Yala National Park as they investigate the enigmatic sloth bear's life and behaviour. **11.00** A sick elephant calf who was found abandoned near a reserve appears to be another victim of the battle for space between humans and elephants.

12 **midnight** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **1.00am** Shark Squad **2.00-6.00am** Brazil Untamed

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Abandoned Engineering (AD) **6.00** Abandoned Engineering: six editions. A town established by Henry Ford in the Amazonian rainforest

7.00 An advanced German battleship that sank in a Norwegian fjord during the Second World War **8.00** A highway built in the Brazilian jungle as an escape route in the event of a nuclear emergency **9.00** The programme looks at a mysterious group of rusting ships stranded in an arid desert **10.00** An abandoned prison beneath the water and a tunnel in the heart of a mountain

11.00 An abandoned Second World War aviation facility in Farnborough and a Soviet airbase in the Gobi Desert (AD) **12** **midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **5.30-6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12** **noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** Deadliest Sharks **3.00** Shark Alley: Legend of Dynamite **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked **7.00** How Do Animals Do That? **8.00** Wild Australia: Australia's wilderness through the eyes of the Indigenous inhabitants

9.00 Wild Mexico: a profile of the North American country, an ancient land full of diversity and mystery **10.00** Alaska Monsters **11.00** Legends of the Wild (AD) **1.00am** Alaska: Surviving the Last Frontier (AD) **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00-5.00am** Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News

8.00 **LIVE** Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v Brisbane Heat at Adelaide Oval. **11.45** My Icon (AD)

12 **noon** **LIVE** Championship Football Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion (ko 12.30pm).

3.00pm Soccer Saturday **5.00** **LIVE** Premier League Football Aston Villa v Arsenal from Villa Park (kick-off 5.30).

8.30 **LIVE** Golf The Grant Thornton Invitational, day two of the mixed team tournament. **10.00** Sky Sports News

1.00-6.00am **LIVE** Boxing Robeisy Ramirez v Rafael Espinoza, the WBO world featherweight bout.

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Championship Highlights **6.15** Classic Play-Offs **8.15** Championship Highlights **8.30** Classic Play-Off Finals **9.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **9.45** Championship Highlights **10.00** Saturday Social **11.30** Greatest Games (AD) **11.45** Championship Highlights

12 **noon** **LIVE** Championship Football Sunderland v West Bromwich Albion (ko 12.30pm).

3.00pm Soccer Saturday **5.00** Championship Highlights **5.20** **LIVE** German Football Borussia Dortmund v RB Leipzig in the Bundesliga (kick-off 5.30).

7.30 German Football **9.30** Women's Super League Football **10.00** Championship Highlights **10.30** Dark Horses **11.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **1.00am** Championship Season Review (AD) **2.00** EFL Trophy Football (AD) **2.30** Classic Play-Offs **3.00-6.00am** Championship Highlights

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am World Champions Cup Golf **9.30** European Tour Golf **10.00** **LIVE** European Tour Golf Day three of the Alfred Dunhill Championship in South Africa.

2.30pm World Champions Cup **6.00** European Tour **6.30** Tee Time Tips **7.00** **LIVE** Golf Day two of the Grant Thornton Invitational.

10.00 European Tour Golf **10.30** Players Championship Film **11.30** Tee Time Tips **12** **midnight** European Tour **12.30am** US Open Official Films (AD) **1.30** European Tour **4.30** Tee Time Tips **5.00-6.00am** School of Golf

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

4.45-7.00pm **LIVE** International Netball England v South Africa (centre-pass 5.00).

Viaplay Sports

12.55-3.00pm **LIVE** Challenge Cup Rugby Union Black Lion v Gloucester (kick-off 1.00).

5.00-7.40 **LIVE** Challenge Cup Rugby Union Ospreys v Benetton at Swansea.com Stadium (ko 5.30).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Snooker **8.00** Biathlon **10.00** Teqball **10.30** Snooker **12.45pm** **LIVE** Snooker Day four of the Shoot-Out from Swansea.

5.00 Hall of Fame **6.00** Snooker **6.45** **LIVE** Snooker The final session of the Shoot-Out. **11.00** Snooker: the Shoot-Out **1.00am** Hall of Fame **2.00** Snooker **4.00-6.00am** Cyclo-Cross



Premier League Football

5.00pm **Sky Premier League**

Aston Villa striker Ollie Watkins

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Football **10.00** Saturday Social: lively chat **11.30** **LIVE** Women's Super League Football Manchester City v Aston Villa (kick-off 12.00).

3.00pm Soccer Saturday **5.00** **LIVE** Premier League Football Aston Villa v Arsenal from Villa Park (kick-off 5.30).

8.30 Game of the Day **10.30** Premier League Highlights **3.00-6.00am** Classic Premier League

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am International T20 Cricket (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Cricket **7.45** **LIVE** Big Bash League Cricket Adelaide Strikers v Brisbane Heat at Adelaide Oval.

11.45 Big Bash League Cricket **12.45pm** International T20 Cricket (AD) **2.00** Big Bash League Cricket **6.00** International T20 Cricket (AD) **7.00** Big Bash League Cricket **11.00** International T20 Cricket (AD) **12** **midnight** Big Bash League Cricket **4.00am** International T20 Cricket (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL **2.00pm** Bitesize **3.00** NFL Highlights **4.00** Pro-Football Talk **6.00** The Franchise **6.45** 49 Hours **7.00** Bitesize **8.00** NFL Highlights **9.00** America's Game (AD) **10.00** The Franchise **10.45** 49 Hours **11.00** Highlights **12** **midnight-6.00am** NFL

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am Rugby League **8.00** Pool **12.30pm** Basketball **3.30** Women's Super League **4.45** Boxing (AD) **6.30** **LIVE** Pool Day four of the Mosconi Cup at Alexandra Palace.

11.00 Boxing: two bouts **1.00am** **LIVE** Boxing Robeisy Ramirez v Rafael Espinoza. **5.30-6.00am** Boxing Archive (AD)

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Alpine Skiing **8.15** **LIVE** Alpine Skiing World Cup, men's giant slalom, first run; **9.30** The women's downhill. **11.15** **LIVE** Biathlon World Cup.

12 **noon** **LIVE** Alpine Skiing Men's giant slalom, second run. **1.00pm** Sailing: Spirit of Yachting **1.30** **LIVE** Biathlon World Cup. **2.45** **LIVE** Ski Jumping World Cup men's HS140 at Klingenthal.

4.30 Winter Sport **7.30** Cycling **9.00** Winter Sport **12** **midnight** Cyclo-Cross: World Cup **2.00am** Winter Sport **5.00-6.00am** Sailing

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am The Fantasy Show **6.30** **LIVE** Australian Football Wellington Phoenix v Newcastle Jets, A-League men (kick-off 6.30).

8.30 Premier League Preview **9.00** Wrestling **10.30** Stand Up Kickabout **11.00** **LIVE** Premier League Football Crystal Palace v Liverpool from Selhurst Park (ko 12.30pm).

3.00pm **LIVE** Champions Cup Rugby Union Bath v Ulster at the Recreation Ground (kick-off 3.15); **5.15** Bulls v Saracens from Loftus Versfeld Stadium (kick-off 5.30); **7.30** Bristol Bears v Lyon from Ashton Gate (kick-off 8.00).

10.30 Wrestling **12** **midnight** Rugby Union **1.00am** NBA on Fire **1.30** **LIVE** NBA Coverage of the NBA In-Season Tournament final. **4.30** NBA Action (AD)

5.00-7.00am **LIVE** Australian Football Newcastle Jets v Sydney FC, A-League Women (ko 5.00).

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

5.45am **LIVE** International T20 Cricket South Africa v Bangladesh, Deaf World Cup; **9.45** England v Australia.

1.45pm International One-Day Cricket **2.45** Xtra Time **3.15** **LIVE** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket Coverage of the final. **5.00** **LIVE** International One-Day Cricket West Indies v England from Kensington Oval.

2.00am Champions Cup Rugby Union **3.00** French Football **4.00-6.00am** **LIVE** Australian Football A men's A-League game.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

7.00am Premier League Review (AD) **8.00** Sign Up: into Football **8.45** **LIVE** Australian Football Sydney FC v Macarthur FC in the men's A-League (kick-off 8.45).

10.45 NBA (AD) **11.15** Reload (AD) **11.30** International T20 Cricket **12.30pm** **LIVE** Champions Cup Rugby Union Toulon v Exeter Chiefs in Pool 3 (kick-off 1.00); **3.00** Toulouse v Cardiff at Stade Ernest-Wallon (kick-off 3.15); **5.15** Munster v Bayonne from Thomond Park (kick-off 5.30).

7.30 **LIVE** Italian Football Inter Milan v Udinese (kick-off 7.45). **9.45** MotoGP Rewind (AD)

10.00 **LIVE** UFC Song Yadong v Chris Gutierrez plus prelim bouts. **3.30am** Stand Up Kickabout **4.00** International T20 Cricket **5.00-7.00am** **LIVE** Australian Football A-League Women.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

7.00am French Football **8.00** Italian Football **9.00** Rugby Union **11.00** Pro League Hockey **1.00pm** Reload **5.15** **LIVE** Italian Football Atalanta v AC Milan in Serie A.

7.00 Europa League Magazine **8.00** **LIVE** French Football Paris Saint-Germain v Nantes (ko 8.00). **10.00** **LIVE** Pro League Hockey Great Britain v Argentina, the women's match (push-back 10.00).

12 **midnight** Stand Up Kickabout **12.30am** **LIVE** Pro League Hockey Argentina v Great Britain, men's match (push-back 12.30). **2.30** Champions League Football **3.00** **LIVE** Australian Football An A-League Women match. **5.00** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **5.30-5.45am** Reload (AD)

Sunday

DRAMA Vigil

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Suranne Jones doesn't need dialogue to express irritation – you can gauge how annoyed DCI Amy Silva is by the speed with which she removes her reading glasses. A self-righteous military type tries to stymie her questions and off come those specs with a furious snap.

And there are plenty of obstructive officials here, let me tell you. Though not from the Royal Navy this time around, for in this well-paced opener to series two, Amy and partner Kirsten Longacre (Rose Leslie) get hand-picked by the Ministry of Defence to crack through the closed ranks of the Air Force on a base in Scotland following some suspicious deaths at a weapons test involving hi-tech drones.

So rather than plunging into the depths on board a submarine, Amy has her eyes cast skyward. However, she still needs to employ the same skills when it comes to dealing with shifty-eyed suspects who spend their days conforming to a strict code. You can monitor her progress in further episodes tomorrow and Tuesday.

DAVID BROWN

See feature: page 18

BACK AT IT
DCI Amy Silva
(Suranne Jones) is
sent to an Air
Force base



NATURE

Planet Earth III

6.20pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

**LAST IN
SERIES**

For the final instalment, Attenborough is not showcasing remarkable behaviour from animals, but humans instead. We see conservationists working to save wildlife: a frog expert in Ecuador tries to rescue dozens of species from the brink, a woman goes under cover to catch ivory poachers, and so on.

They're deeply impressive, but Sir David points out that, since we are on the edge of a mass extinction, "The challenge of saving species can't be left to a few heroic individuals working against the odds. It's those in positions of great power who can make the most difference." And so, he concludes, "One of our roles is to hold them to account."

DAVID BUTCHER See feature: page 22

ENTERTAINMENT

Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

6.30pm **ITV1** Catch up via ITVX

**SERIES
FINALE**

The one thing this excellent, sunshine-in-a-bottle competition series has been missing is the frisson of being live. That all changes tonight, with the final two Sophies and Skys performing – live! – on stage at London's Novello Theatre; the very place the winners will be calling home for the next year. It's then up to us to vote for the eventual champions.

The sad thing about saying *Thank You for the Music* and *So Long* to this series is that it won't be easy to make a second. Unless, of course, *Les Mis* is looking for a Jean Valjean, or *The Phantom of the Opera* needs a new Phantom? Come on, ITV – it's *All I Ask of You*... **FRANCES TAYLOR**

MUSIC

Leonard Bernstein Night

from 7pm **BBC4** Catch up: iPlayer

When he died in 1990, conductor and composer Leonard Bernstein's status as a titan of 20th-century music was long assured. At 8pm, there are new reminiscences by fellow American conductor Marin Alsop, but this is largely a trip into the archive, starting at 7pm with *Bernstein at the BBC*.

At 8.15pm, there's an *Omnibus* profile from 1990, followed at 9.10pm by an edition showing him conducting a recording of *West Side Story* with José Carreras and Kiri Te Kanawa. A 1982 Bernard Levin interview (1am) unveils a polymath, activist and philanthropist. Bernstein would've been an inspiring teacher too, as suggested by his look at Mahler with *The Little Drummer Boy* (10.40pm) and *Des Knaben Wunderhorn* (12.05am). **JOHN AIZLEWOOD**

ENTERTAINMENT

An Audience with Kylie

7.45pm **ITV1**

Catch up via ITVX

Filmed at the Royal Albert Hall after RT went to press, the Australian mega-star performs some of her favourite songs from her 35-year singing career as well as "answering some surprising questions"... which means pre-planned ones from planted celebrities.

It's not the first time that Kylie has hosted one of these. In 2001 Cat Deeley asked her how she got both Andy Garcia and Kermit the frog on the show, and Patsy Palmer asked about the transition from soap star to singer. So there will probably be nothing too probing here, but the songs, routines and costume changes will more than make up for that. You'll be spinning around for days afterwards. **JANE RACKHAM**

ALSO ON TODAY

My Life at Christmas

10.30am **BBC1**

Host Adrian Chiles speaks to veteran BBC correspondent John Simpson in this second episode.

I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here!

9.00pm **ITV1**

Ant and Dec (right) are live from the Australia as a new king or queen of the jungle is chosen. *Smart TV: page 33*



24 Hours in Police Custody

9.00pm **C4**

Cameras follow the police as they go about their daily operations and major investigations.

CRAFT

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

8.00pm **C4** Also **C4** streaming

If you've seen *Location, Location, Location* recently, you might've noticed Kirstie Allsopp looking a bit frazzled about the volatile housing market. So this must be a welcome panacea, where all she has to wrangle is tissue paper and crafting supplies in the 21st-century equivalent of the *Blue Peter* coat-hanger crown that so many of us grew up with.

In this episode Kirstie and pals are "turning Christmas HQ into a vision", with an outdoor tree-decorating competition and ideas on making your festive windows glow. Plus there's a Persian turkey alternative, and adorable penguin cake pops. Warm and fuzzy, indeed.

GILL CRAWFORD

HISTORY

Lost Cities of the Bible

8.00pm **National Geographic**

Catch up via Now

Ancient Iraq is recognised as a cradle of civilisation, and home to some of the greatest cities of the early world, including Uruk and Ur. But years of conflict in the region meant that major archaeological exploration was put on hiatus for over a decade. Now the experts are back, seeking to make sense of the myriad Sumerian sites dotted all over the country.

The first of this new two-part documentary follows teams unearthing an ancient bridge and some mysterious ruins, seeking to explain how the development, and then collapse, of Sumerian society influenced later Biblical writers as they told the story of the Great Flood. **GC**

NATURE

Whale with Steve Backshall

9pm **Sky Nature** Catch up via Now

The focus in this second episode is on how whales and dolphins hunt. You may not be familiar with sei whales: they're a sleeker, smaller cousin of the blue whale and have a mighty turn of speed when they "sprint" towards a shoal of fish and gape wide to scoop the whole thing up.

Steve Backshall finds sei amongst a wealth of sealife in the Azores. Also impressive is a humpback who arcs through the water to gulp fish spilling from a trawler's net. It's wonderful to watch, but Backshall warns that cetaceans will need all their big brains as they struggle to adapt hunting strategies to changing seas. From what we see of killer whales in action, they at least will cope fine. **DBu**

LIVE SPORT



Football: Women's Super League

Arsenal v Chelsea

12.15pm (k/o 12.30pm) **BBC2**

Arsenal's Australian star Caitlin Foord will be looking for goals against the WSL champions.

Tottenham v Manchester Utd

6.30pm (k/o 6.45pm)

Sky Sports Football

Football: Premier League

Luton v Manchester City

1.00pm (k/o 2pm)

Sky Sports Main Event/PL

Tottenham v Newcastle Utd

4pm (k/o 4.30pm)

Sky Sports Main Event/PL

Two top sides meet in North London.

FILM OF THE DAY



Chicken Run ★★★★★ **U**

2.00pm **BBC1**

There are few creature comforts to be had on Tweedy's Egg Farm, prompting Ginger and her feathered friends to devise a daring escape. The plucky cluckers return with a new adventure landing on Netflix this Friday – see feature on page 16 and review on page 35. (2000)

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CURIOUS CASE

Lucy Worsley looks back at the work of the Sherlock Holmes creator

ARTS

Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

NEW SERIES

If Lucy Worsley ever tires of work as an historian, she could turn to crime writing, as she knows how to grab attention. "Sherlock must die," she states in stentorian tones in the first minute of this splendid three-part profile of how Arthur Conan Doyle turned against the character he'd created.

It would, of course, be a temporary demise for Sherlock Holmes, and the rest of this first episode takes us on that journey to the Reichenbach Falls, revealing why Doyle fell out of love with the sleuth. It's about popularity versus respectability – as Holmes gave the author financial security but not much acclaim from his peers. And when Sherlock began receiving fan mail himself, his fate was sealed – or so Doyle thought.

DB Lucy Worsley's viewpoint: p11

SUNDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Ben Boulous, Luxmy Gopal. (S) (HD)
7.35 Match of the Day Shown yesterday 10.20pm (S) (HD)
9.00 Sunday with Laura Kuenssberg Interviews. (S) (HD)
10.00 Politics England Regional reports. (S) (HD)
10.30 My Life at Christmas with Adrian Chiles 2/3. With veteran journalist John Simpson. (S) (AD) (HD)
11.30 Amanda and Alan's Italian Job 7/8. Amanda and Alan's open-plan ambitions are dented.
12 noon 8/8. The duo take on the interiors for the final room. The whole series is on iPlayer. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.30pm Bargain Hunt In Worcestershire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
1.15 Songs of Praise The stories behind carols. (S) (HD)
1.50 Lifeline An appeal on behalf of Campaign Against Living Miserably. For donation details, see Tuesday 8.50am BBC2
2.00 Chicken Run ★★★★★ Animation with the voices of Julia Sawalha and Mel Gibson. Farm hens plan a prisoner-of-war-style escape. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 59.** Directors Nick Park and Peter Lord (2000, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Also showing Friday 7pm BBC3
3.20 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight before Christmas During a farmhouse raid, Timmy goes missing. On iPlayer for 30 days. Rptd Friday 8.20pm BBC3 (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.55-4.55 Planet Earth III 7/8 Series 3. The ways wildlife adapts to a changing world. Shown last Sun (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.35am Countryfile Ellie Harrison and Anita Rani visit Poole Harbour. Signed rpt Mon 12.55am Shown last Sun BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.35 Breakfast Ben Boulous, Luxmy Gopal. (S) (HD)
9.00 Landward Cammy Wilson chats to a farmer injured in a livestock attack. Shown last Thu BBC Scotland (S) (HD)
9.30 Saturday Kitchen Best Bites Highlights. (S) (HD)
11.00 James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas Festive recipes that are perfect as gifts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
0 BBC RED BUTTON 11.20am-4.30pm Cross Country Coverage of the European Championships from Belgium.
11.30 The Best Christmas Food Ever Including slow-cooked duck and a duo of soups. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm MOTD Live: Women's Super League Arsenal v Chelsea All the action from the London derby at Emirates Stadium (kick-off 12.30). (S) (HD)
2.45-4.05 The Titfield Thunderbolt ★★ Ealing comedy with Stanley Holloway. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p59.** Director Charles Crichton (1952, U) (S) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am James Martin's French Adventure The chef visits a wholesale food market in Paris. (R) (S) (HD)
7.00 Gino's Italy: Secrets of the South 6/6. Gino follows the coastline of Salento. Shown last Sun (S) (AD) (HD)
7.30 James Martin's Saturday Morning at Christmas With Paloma Faith. Shown Sat 9.30am (S) (HD)
9.25 ITV News (S) (HD)
9.30 Love Your Weekend with Alan Titchmarsh Alan talks to Keir Starmer and Penelope Keith. (S) (HD)
11.20 Fletchers' Family Farm 8/8. The battle to save the harvest begins. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)
12.20pm ITV News Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)
12.30 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union Sale Sharks v Stade Francais The Pool Four match from AJ Bell Stadium (kick-off 1.00). Hugh Wozenecroft presents with commentary by Miles Harrison. (S) (HD)
3.25-3.55 Tipping Point: Best Ever Finals Ben Shephard relives two dramatic endgames. (R) (S) (HD)

Channel 4

6.15am The King of Queens Double bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.05 Everybody Loves Raymond (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
7.55 The Simpsons Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD)
9.30 Sunday Brunch With Sam Heughan, Graham McTavish, Sarah Hadland and Busted. (S) (HD)
12.30pm The Simpsons Homer lands a teaching job.
1.00 Homer tries to capitalise on Maggie's chickenpox.
1.30 Bart is teased and Homer takes up a new hobby.
2.00 Marge decides to join a women's group. (R) (S) (AD)
2.30-4.20 Jingle All the Way ★★ Comedy starring Arnold Schwarzenegger. A dad embarks on a desperate quest for a toy. Available to stream for 7 days. **Review p59.** Director Brian Levant (1996, PG) (S) (W) (HD)

BBC1

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Planet Earth III

6.20pm Alessandra Korap leads her indigenous group as they try to save their home in Brazil



4.55pm BBC News

Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)

5.20 Countryfile

Charlotte Smith and Matt Baker head to Elan Valley, nestled in the heart of the Cambrian Mountains. Charlotte finds out how the rivers have welcomed back salmon and Matt helps drive cattle down to the valley floor. Includes **Weather for the Week Ahead.** Series producer Gavin Ahern; Series editor Mark Beech (S) (HD)

6.20 Planet Earth III

RT 8/8 Series 3. Heroes. David Attenborough praises people on the front line of conservation who are risking everything in the fight to save wildlife. In west Africa, a team of activists work under cover to catch criminals trading in illegal ivory. In Austria, a plan is devised to bring back one of the rarest birds in the world to Europe – the northern bald ibis. In UHD on iPlayer, which also has series 1 and 2. **See p52.** Producer Steve Greenwood
 Series producers Matt Brandon and Jonny Keeling (S) (AD) (HD)

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7.20 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results

Take That perform live before two couples take part in the last dance-off of the series. Who will make the final? *It Takes Two* is on weekdays 6.30pm BBC2. Signed repeat Thursday 3.25am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Survivor

14/16. With just six people left, the end is in sight. At the immunity test, the players must race against one another in a high-stakes battle, before tribal council decides who will be the 13th person voted out. Repeated Thursday 1.55am (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Vigil

RT New series. 1/6 Series 2. The return of the crime drama starring Suranne Jones. When a British weapons test goes disastrously wrong, DCI Amy Silva is called in to investigate. With seven military personnel dead, including two from Britain's allies in the Middle East, she finds herself caught in the middle of a fraught international incident. Continues tomorrow 9pm. The first three episodes of series 2 join series 1 on iPlayer from today. **See p52.**

Amy Silva	Suranne Jones	Wes Harper	Jonathan Ajayi
Kirsten Longacre	Rose Leslie	Nicole Lawson	Shannon Hayes
Marcus Grainger	Dougray Scott	FO Clothier	Angus Yellowlees
Colin Robertson	Gary Lewis	Colin Dixon	Anders Hayward
Callum Barker	Chris Jenks	Colonel Ai Bilali	Nebras Jamali
Gunner Simmonds	Jack Hesketh	Firas Zaman	Tommy Sim'aan
Gunner Jansen	Martin Bell	Derek McCabe	Steven Elder
Gunner Patrick	Craig Anthony-Kelly	DS Paul Townsend	Noof Ousellam
Captain Saltam Abdul Kader	Oscar Salem	Ross Sutherland	David Elliot

Writer Tom Edge; Producer Marcus Wilson; Directors Andy De Emmony and Joss Agnew More cast Mon Signed rpt Wed 1.45am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

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10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.30 Match of the Day 2

Mark Chapman reviews the day's Premier League action, including Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United and Luton Town v Manchester City. Producer Kelly Faulkner; Editor Jamie Gavin (S) (HD)

11.45 The Women's Football Show

Highlights of the weekend's WSL games, featuring Arsenal v Chelsea and Manchester City v Aston Villa. Producer Ali Wood; Executive producer Anna Thompson (S) (HD)

12.35am Lost at Christmas ★★ Romantic comedy with Natalie Clark and Kenny Boyle. Strangers Jen and Rob find themselves stranded in the Scottish Highlands before Christmas and team up to travel home to Glasgow, fighting a snowstorm along the way. Available on iPlayer for 21 days. Director Ryan Hendrick (2020, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

2.10 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.15-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

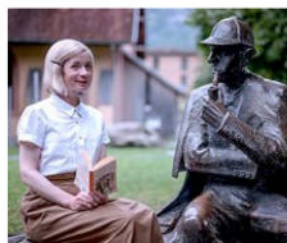
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BBC2

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Killing Sherlock:

Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle 9.00pm How the writer came to loathe his creation



4.05pm Flog It!

In Sheffield, Thomas Plant and James Lewis appraise a Georgian tankard and an electrotherapy kit. Director Khalid Khan; Series producer Louise Hibbins (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 Athletics

Highlights from the annual European Cross Country Championships at Laeken Park, Brussels. Commentary comes from Steve Cram and Paula Radcliffe. (S) (HD)

6.00 Pride & Prejudice ★★★★★

Period romantic drama based on Jane Austen's novel. England in the 18th century: with five daughters and no fortune, class-obsessed Mrs Bennet is determined to marry off her brood, and goes into a match-making frenzy at the prospect of wealthy bachelor Mr Bingley. But one of her girls, Elizabeth, seems more interested in verbal sparring than romance. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 59.**

Elizabeth Bennet	Keira Knightley	Mr Bennet	Donald Sutherland
Mr Darcy	Matthew Macfadyen	Mr Collins	Tom Hollander
Mrs Bennet	Brenda Blethyn	Jane Bennet	Rosamund Pike
Lady Catherine de Bourgh	Judi Dench	Lydia Bennet	Jena Malone

Director Joe Wright (2005, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
 Also showing Thursday 11pm BBC4

8.00 Antiques Roadshow

At Clissold Park in Stoke Newington, north London, Will Farmer is charmed by a collection of items made by the Italian designer Piero Fornasetti, John Sandon looks at some ancient Peruvian pottery and Raj Bisram poses with a pipe once owned by Harold Wilson. Producer Matthew Cotton; Series producer Debbie Martin First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

9.00 Killing Sherlock: Lucy Worsley on the Case of Conan Doyle

RT New series. 1/3. Sherlock Holmes made his creator Arthur Conan Doyle rich and famous, but the writer came to hate his fictional character. Historian Lucy Worsley investigates this curious relationship between Holmes and Doyle, beginning by discovering the sleuth's origins in Doyle's time as a medical student. She unpicks the early stories, revealing the dark underbelly of late Victorian Britain, from drug use to true crime, and traces Doyle's growing disenchantment with his detective. She then heads to Switzerland to visit the site of one of the most famous deaths in literature. From tonight, the whole series will be on iPlayer. **See p53.** (S) (AD) (HD)
Lucy Worsley's viewpoint: page 11

10.00 The Rocky Horror Picture Show

★★★★★ Cult musical satire with Tim Curry and Susan Sarandon. Sweethearts Brad Majors and Janet Weiss find themselves drawn into a bizarre world when their car breaks down during a storm and they are forced to spend the night at a nearby gothic mansion. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 59.**

Dr Frank N Furter	Tim Curry	Magenta	Patricia Quinn
Janet Weiss	Susan Sarandon	Columbia	Little Nell
Brad Majors	Barry Bostwick	Dr Everett V Scott	Jonathan Adams
Riff Raff	Richard O'Brien	Rocky Horror	Peter Hinwood

Director Jim Sharman (1975, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

11.35 The Kemps: All True

In this spoof documentary, Spandau Ballet stars Gary and Martin Kemp are interviewed by Rhys Thomas about their lives and careers following the band's 40th-anniversary celebrations. Writer/Director Rhys Thomas Producers Francis Gilson and Rhys Thomas (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.35-3.30am Sign Zone 12.35 Question Time From Petersfield, Hampshire. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (HD)

1.35 The Newsreader 5/6 Series 2. Geoff and Evelyn's daughter Kay offers the team an exclusive. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.30 MasterChef: the Professionals The final four chefs take on two more challenges. Shown last Wed BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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ITV1

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An Audience with Kylie 7.45pm
On a night like this: the princess of pop wows the Royal Albert Hall



3.55pm ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

4.20 Mamma Mia! Here We Go Again

★★★ Musical romantic comedy sequel featuring the songs of Abba. Now happily married, Sophie prepares to reopen her late mother Donna's hotel. Meanwhile flashbacks show a young Donna discovering Greece and falling in love – several times. **Review page 59.**

Young Donna	Lily James	Bill	Stellan Skarsgård
Young Sam	Jeremy Irvine	Ruby Sheridan	Cher
Sophie	Amanda Seyfried	Senor Cienfuegos	Andy Garcia
Donna	Meryl Streep	Rosie	Julie Walters
Sam	Pierce Brosnan	Tanya	Christine Baranski
Harry	Colin Firth	Sky	Dominic Cooper

Director Ol Parker (2018, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

6.30 Mamma Mia! I Have a Dream

RT 8/8. Zoe Ball hosts the live final from the home of *Mamma Mia!*, the Novello Theatre in London, as the four remaining hopefuls fight for the roles of Sophie and Sky in the West End production of the Abba musical. **See page 52.** Executive producers Judy Cramer, Ashley Whitehouse and Charlie Irwin (S) (HD)

7.45 An Audience with Kylie

RT For one night only, Aussie pop princess Kylie Minogue takes over the Royal Albert Hall, entertaining an audience of fans and VIP guests with a setlist featuring her biggest hits of the past 35 years, coming right up to date with her recent smashes *Tension* and *Padam Padam*. Kylie will also share some personal stories from her musical career and answer questions from the celebrities. **See page 52.** Director Julia Knowles; Executive producers Fiona Clark and Iain Peckham. Repeated Wednesday 10.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Final

The hunger games are almost at an end as the remaining celebrities confront their final trials in the battle to succeed 2022 winner Jill Scott and take the crown as the next Queen or King of the Jungle. Who will emerge victorious and claim the throne? Ant and Dec will reveal all. Repeated tomorrow 12 noon and 4.50pm ITV2 (S) (HD) *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out* Wed 9pm

10.40 ITV News

Weather; Regional Weather (S) (HD)

10.55 Sorry, I Didn't Know

4/5 Series 4. Jimmy Akingbola introduces the panel game based on black British history, with team captains Chizzy Akudolu and Eddie Kadi. Executive producers Fraser Ayres, Minnie Ayres and Jimmy Akingbola (S) (HD)

11.25 Bradley and Barney Walsh: Breaking Dad

Bradley is challenged to abseil face first down a building in Frankfurt, before he and Barney sample a Bratwurst-themed hotel in Bavaria. Series director Phil Ashton. Series producer Reshmi Bajnath (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 EFL Highlights

Goals, reaction and analysis from the weekend matches in all three divisions of the EFL. Shown yesterday 9pm ITV4 and 11.50pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

1.15am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Motorsport UK Richard John Neil introduces action from Silverstone. Shown last Monday ITV4 (S) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05-6.00am Fletchers' Family Farm 8/8. The piglets wreak havoc. Shown 11.20am (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

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7 in Wales

Kirstie's Handmade Christmas 8.00pm
Deck the halls: festive crafting with Kirstie Allsopp



4.20pm Channel 4 News

Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

4.50 "Crocodile" Dundee II ★★★

Comedy adventure sequel to the 1986 hit. Outback hero Mick Dundee and journalist Sue Charlton have settled down together in New York. But their peace is shattered by a phone call about a drug-smuggling racket.

Michael J "Crocodile" Dundee	Rico	Hechter Ubarry
	Paul Hogan	Juan Fernandez
Sue Charlton	Linda Kozlowski	Ernie Dingo
Walter Reilly	John Meillon	Charles Dutton
	John Cornall	

Director John Cornall (1988, PG) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
Also showing Tuesday 11.55pm 4seven

7.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas

Angel, Jenni and Dorothy bring in the fir, holly and mistletoe from the garden ready to deck the halls, while Dick, Papi Steve, Arthur and James head to the beaches of Brittany to collect oysters. Director Jonathan Hales; Producers Chloe Wilcox and Jonathan Hales. Repeated Monday 9pm 4seven (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

RT With help from top crafters, Kirstie Allsopp is giving her Christmas HQ a makeover, featuring new window decorations and a vintage wreath. Kirstie also invites four crafting champions back for the ultimate festive competition as they bid to make showstopping tree decorations. Plus there are foodie treats of cake-pop penguins and a Christmas dinner with a Persian twist. **See p53.** Director Lubna Bhatti. Repeated Tuesday 8pm 4seven (S) (HD)

9.00 24 Hours in Police Custody

Documentary series following the work of Bedfordshire Police, from the cells at Luton to the operational heart of major investigations. Featuring unprecedented access to police investigations into major cases, cameras are on hand to follow every twist and turn to uncover how these crimes are forensically solved. Executive producers Simon Ford and Amber Ronowicz. Repeated tonight 11.05pm 4seven, Monday 10pm C4, Tuesday 9pm 4seven, Friday 10pm 4seven (S) (HD)

10.00 Gogglebox

Ep 14. The armchair critics share their opinions. Shown last Friday. Signed repeat Tuesday 11.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.55 Made in Italy ★★

Drama. A father and son travel to Tuscany in order to patch up and sell on the family's holiday villa. But they soon realise their frayed relationship needs just as much work. Available to stream for 30 days. **Review page 59.**

Robert	Liam Neeson	Natalia	Valeria Bilello
Jack	Michele Richardson	Luigi	Marco Quaglia
Kate	Lindsay Duncan		

Director James D'Arcy (2020, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

12.40am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back

Gordon Ramsay tries to improve a family-owned fine dining restaurant in Mississippi. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.30 The Couple Next Door 4/6. Evie makes sure her secret stays hidden. Shown last Tuesday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

2.25 Happening ★★★★★ Drama starring Anamaria Vartolomei. In 1963 France, university student Anne decides she wants to terminate her pregnancy. But with abortion outlawed, Anne finds herself increasingly isolated and hopeless when physicians refuse to help. French subtitles. Available to stream for 60 days. Director Aubrey Diwan (2020, 15) (HD)

4.05 Couples Come Dine with Me Three pairs of hosts on Guernsey and Alderney take part. (R) (S) (HD)

5.00 Christmas at Castle Howard Transforming the castle with an extravagant Narnia theme. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

5.55-6.15am Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Creating a velvet, fur-topped stocking. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

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24 in Scotland

Leonard Bernstein Night from 7.00pm
A celebration of the composer's life and career



7.00pm Leonard Bernstein at the BBC

Leonard Bernstein was a great of 20th-century music. This programme, the first in an evening of shows dedicated to the American composer and conductor, features 50 years of his archive performances and interviews, some unseen since their original broadcast. Clips include *West Side Story* and works by Beethoven. Producer Andy King-Dabbs (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Marin Alsop Remembers... Leonard Bernstein

RT Conductor Marin Alsop shares her memories of Leonard Bernstein, as part of an evening of programmes paying tribute to the *West Side Story* composer. It was as a nine-year-old girl that Marin first saw Bernstein, and from that moment she knew she wanted to be a conductor. She talks about eventually becoming a student of Bernstein, why he is such a significant figure in the world of music and how he ultimately helped inspire her to achieve her dreams. **See p52.** Producer Simon Catt. Series producer Simon Goretzki (S) (HD)

8.15 Omnibus: A Portrait of Leonard Bernstein

This documentary from October 1990 examines the career of composer and conductor Leonard Bernstein, including extracts from an interview with the composer and conductor and a look at the influence of Dimitri Mitropoulos and Aaron Copland on his development. Repeated 2.30am. First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

9.10 Omnibus: Leonard Bernstein's West Side Story

Cameras capture composer Leonard Bernstein as he conducts a complete recording of his classic musical, here starring José Carreras and Kiri Te Kanawa, over four days in a New York studio in 1984. First shown in 1985. Director Christopher Swann; Producer Humphrey Burton. First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

10.40 Bernstein on Mahler 1/2. The Little Drummer Boy. Leonard Bernstein celebrates Gustav Mahler, originally shown in 1985 to mark the 125th anniversary of the composer's birth, beginning by examining the roots of his inspiration. (S)

12.05am 2/2. Des Knaben

Wunderhorn. Leonard Bernstein conducts the Israel Philharmonic Orchestra in a complete performance of Mahler's song-cycle *Des Knaben Wunderhorn*. From 1985. Director Peter Butler. Producers Peter Butler and Humphrey Burton. Both episodes first shown on BBC2 (S)

1.00 The Levin Interviews: Leonard Bernstein Bernard Levin talks to the composer. From 1982. First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

1.30 Ten Best Bernstein A celebration of the composer's life and career, with contributions from those inspired him. (R) (S) (HD)

2.30-3.25am Omnibus: A Portrait of Leonard Bernstein Shown 8.15pm (S) (HD)

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BBC1 SCOTLAND

10.00-10.30am The Sunday Show: the big issues from the world of politics
11.45 SportsScene: Premiership Highlights: Kilmarnock v Celtic
12.15am The Women's Football Show
1.05 FILM: Lost at Christmas **2.40** Weather for the Week Ahead **2.45-6.00** BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven
7.15 SportsScene: Premiership Highlights
7.45 Seven Days **8.45** Beechgrove Repotted
9.00 Still Game
9.30 Two Doors Down
10.00 FILM: The Wicker Man: classic horror starring Edward Woodward and Christopher Lee
11.30-12 midnight Ex-S: the Wicker Man: the making of the film

STV

1.15-3.00am Night Vision: news and sport
3.50-5.05 Night Vision: news and sport

BBC1 WALES

10.00-10.30am Politics Wales
3.55pm Kiri's TV Flashback: Kiri Pritchard-McLean takes a look at Wales on the global stage
4.25-4.55 Wales's Home of the Year: Owain, Mandy and Glen announce this year's winner

BBC1 NORTHERN IRELAND

10.00-10.30am Sunday Politics Northern Ireland

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

10.00pm Wayfaring Stranger with Phil Cunningham: Phil visits the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville
11.00 Sunday Politics Northern Ireland
11.30-11.35pm Weather Watchers with Barra Best

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

SUNDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Carry On: Secrets and Scandals 9.00pm
Barbara Windsor and Sidney James

5.40am Milkshake! See page 58

9.50 The Smurfs Jokey tricks Poet into writing an untrue news story. (R) (S) (HD)

10.05 SpongeBob SquarePants SpongeBob gets stage fright. (R) (S) (HD)

10.15 Entertainment News (S) (HD)

10.20 NFL End Zone Pittsburgh Steelers v New England Patriots highlights. (S) (HD)

10.50 Friends Series 10. Rachel and Joey struggle to tell Ross about their kiss.

11.20 Ross embarrasses himself. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.50 An Unexpected Christmas ★★

Romance. A speech writer convinces his ex-girlfriend to pretend they are still an item in order to keep his family happy. Director Michael Robison (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

1.40pm Miracle on 34th Street ★★★★★

Oscar-winning Christmas fantasy with Maureen O'Hara, John Payne and Edmund Gwenn. When a department store Santa turns up for work drunk, a mysterious gentleman offers his services. **Review p59.** Director George Seaton (1947, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)

3.40 Christmas on 5th Avenue ★★

Romance. Eva is hired to decorate the Manhattan penthouse of author Lucas in secret, but when he returns for Christmas, he proves less than taken with the changes. Director Amy Force (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.50 5 News (S) (HD)

5.55pm Britain's Favourite Christmas TV Moments

Stephen Mangan presents clips from favourites such as *Mrs Brown's Boys*, *Absolutely Fabulous* and *The Office*, with recollections from Patrick Baladi, Charlie Higson, Barry Cryer and Andrew Collins. Director/Producer Verity Maldlow Cornwell (R) (S) (HD)

7.00 Costco at Christmas

Cameras venture behind the scenes at the membership-only wholesale retailer. Director/Producer Tim Pritchard (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Air Fryers: Christmas Made Easy

By testing out air-fried versions of festive favourites, this programme reveals what works – and what doesn't – as well as how to time various food items to perfection. Producers Craig Chambers, Simon Harries and Nadya Mahdi Repeated Thursday 7pm (S) (HD)

9.00 Carry On: Secrets and Scandals

The *Carry On* films were made on the tiniest of budgets but enjoyed huge box office success. This documentary looks behind their cheeky, cheerful image and explores the lives of the franchise's stars. Producer Kate Staples (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 TV's 30 Most Controversial Moments

A rundown of the programmes that attracted the highest number of complaints in British TV history, as well as a few that did not make the Top 30 list. Director/Producer Malcolm Donkin (R) (S) (HD)

12.30am Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed (R) (S) (HD) **1.25** Casino (S) (HD) **3.25** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.40** The Funny Thing about Christmas: celebrities on the festive season (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.30** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL)

5.55–6.00am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC3

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The Peanut Butter Falcon 9.30pm
Tyler (Shia LaBeouf) makes a friend

7.00pm EastEnders

Sonia and Reiss reach the next IVF stage. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Reiss endures another difficult night. Shown last Fri BBC1 Cast Tue/Thu BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Doctor Who

The Giggles. In the final 60th anniversary special episode starring David Tennant, the Toymaker returns to hold the world in his grasp. A box set of previous episodes is on iPlayer. **See choice, page 42.**

Shown yesterday 6.30pm BBC1 Signed repeat Tuesday 1.40am BBC2 For cast see p44 (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Doctor Who: Unleashed

3/3. Steffan Powell goes behind the scenes of *The Giggles*. **See choice, p42.** Shown yesterday 7.35pm (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 The Peanut Butter Falcon ★★★★★

Coming-of-age road movie with Shia LaBeouf, Dakota Johnson and Zack Gottsagen. Zak, a young man with Down's syndrome, is intent on becoming a wrestler and decides to escape from his nursing home. Available on iPlayer for 3 months. Directors Tyler Nilson and Mike Schwartz (2019, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.00 Him & Her

3/7 Series 3. Steve and Becky run out of beer, and sparks fly when Janet has an argument with her boyfriend. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.30 4/7.** Steve and Becky are burgled and, while they tidy up, Nigel is asked a big question. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Such Brave Girls (S) (AD) (HD)

2.35am Ellie and Natalia (S) (AD) (HD)

2.55–3.55am Him & Her (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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ITV2

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6.00am CITV (S) (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **9.20** Dress to Impress (S) (SL) (HD) **11.15** Celebrity Christmas Dinner Date: with Hugo Taylor (S) (HD)

12.20pm I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! (HD) **1.25** Alan Carr's Epic Game Show (S) (AD) (HD) **2.25** In for a Christmas Penny (S) (AD) (HD) **3.10** FILM Stuart Little ★★ Part-animated fantasy adventure based on EB White's children's story, starring Hugh Laurie and Geena Davis (S) (W) (HD) **4.55** Merry Madagascar (S) (HD) **5.30** Trolls Holiday (S) (HD)

5.55pm FILM *The Grinch* ★★★★★ Comedy fantasy based on the book by Dr Seuss, with Jim Carrey. It's Christmas, and a cold-hearted hermit sits alone resenting the happiness. But then he meets a little girl. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.00 FILM *Shanghai Noon* ★★ Western action comedy with Jackie Chan and Owen Wilson. When a runaway Chinese princess is held for ransom, a palace guard and an outlaw team up to rescue her. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **10.15** Family Guy Series 21. Meg, Brian and Stewie go to Russia, and a bad date sees Lois revert to her tormented teenage self.

10.45 Series 11. The Griffins prepare for the festive season by decorating their tree.

11.15 Series 18. Quagmire opens a cat café, but Brian tries to get it closed down. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.45** American Dad! Series 14. Thanks to Roger, Snot discovers his dead father was a demolition derby driver. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Francine and Hayley take a break from their husbands. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.40 Shopping with Keith Lemon (S) (HD) **1.45** Unwind (S) (HD) **3.00** Home Shopping

5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10–6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

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ITV3

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Lewis 10.00pm Is the Rev Martha Seager withholding information?

6.00am Never the Twain: Simon's ex-wife turns up (S) **6.40** A Touch of Frost: Series 3 Quarry. A fox-hunt saboteur is murdered (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **8.45** The Durrells: 5/6 Series 2 Hugh organises a cricket match between Greek and English teams; **9.50 6/6.** Two women go into labour (S) (AD) (HD) **10.50** Maigret: 1/6 Series 1. The Patience of Maigret. A suspected jewel thief is found murdered (S) (AD)

12.30pm Downton Abbey: 1/7 Series 1. Very first episode of the costume drama, starring Maggie Smith and Hugh Bonneville. April 1912: Lord Grantham's heir, James Crawley, and his son, Patrick. Who will be the new heir?; **2.00 2/7.** Everyone is anxious at the arrival of the heir presumptive and his mother; **3.00 3/7** Mary is smitten by a handsome houseguest; **4.00 4/7.** The fair arrives in the village and Mrs Hughes unexpectedly finds herself the centre of speculation (S) (AD) (HD)

5.05pm Downton Abbey

5/7 Series 1. As the village prepares for the flower show, Isobel and Violet are in conflict. More tomorrow 5.50pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.05 Endeavour

1/4 Series 3. Ride. After a bus conductress is found murdered, Morse feels compelled to investigate, despite being suspended from duty. Shaun Evans stars. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Vera

4/4 Series 4. Death of a Family Man DCI Stanhope investigates the death of businessman John Shearwood, who was discovered floating in the water under the Gateshead Millennium Bridge. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Lewis

Series 7. Intelligent Design. An elderly don is killed on the night of his release from prison, and Lewis embarks on a relationship while investigating the case. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Upstairs, Downstairs: Series 3 A Perfect Stranger. Rose falls for an Australian (S) **1.15** Blue Murder: 4/6 Series 5 This Charming Man. Janine investigates the death of a charismatic singer (S) (SL) (AD) **2.20–2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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6.00am New. Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **6.25** New. Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **6.55** Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **7.55** New. Extreme E Highlights (S) (HD) **9.00** EFL Highlights (S) (HD) **10.30** Minder (S) (AD) **11.35** Cadfael (S) (HD)

1.10pm FILM The Shootist ★★★★★ Western with John Wayne, Lauren Bacall and James Stewart (S) (W) (HD) **3.15** River Monsters (S) (HD)

3.50pm Sharpe Swashbuckling adventure starring Sean Bean. Rifleman Sharpe is promoted after saving General Wellesley. (S) (HD)

5.55 Captain Sharpe sets his sights on capturing a French eagle standard. (S) (HD)

8.00 FILM *Rocky II* ★★ Boxing drama written and directed by and starring Sylvester Stallone. Rocky Balboa became famous after going the distance with a world champion. But with no job and no future, his only chance is to re-enter the ring for a rematch. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.30 FILM *RoboCop* ★★★★★ Satirical sci-fi thriller with Peter Weller. In a futuristic Old Detroit, when a cop is murdered by a gang, his body is transformed into a computerised cyborg programmed to fight crime. (S) (W) (HD)

12.35am The Sweeney (S) **1.40** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **2.35–3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118

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Drama

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Traces 10.00pm McKinven and Sarah investigate another fatal explosion

7.05am Birds of a Feather: 4/14 Series 4 Sharon joins a video-dating agency (S) **7.35** The Bill: five episodes. The day of Adam's trial dawns; **8.35** Andrea faces an ethical dilemma; **9.35** New recruit DC Suzie Sim makes an impressive debut; **10.35** Terry arrests his own brother; **11.35** Meadows investigates Ted Roach's death

12.35pm Inspector George Gently: 2/4 Series 6. The duo investigate a murder in a family holiday camp (S) (AD) (HD) **2.35** Call the Midwife: 7/8 Series 10. Nonnatus House staff struggle to come to terms with Nancy's revelation (S) (AD) (HD) **3.55** Catherine Cookson's Tilly Trotter: 1/4. Period drama about a 19-year-old woman who is attacked after an engagement party in honour of a farmer for whom she has feelings; **6.00 2/4** Following the destruction of their home by the McGraths, Tilly and her grandmother are forced to live a life of solitude (S)

8.00pm Inspector George Gently 3/4 Series 6. Gently with Honour. A murder in a Turkish baths appears to offer Bacchus a pleasingly straightforward case when witnesses confirm that ex-serviceman Scott Tanner killed the victim. But when the suspect's psychiatrist is also found dead, the case takes a sinister twist. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Traces

5/6 Series 2. Another deadly explosion occurs. Sarah and McKinven's growing attachment has consequences, as Kathy suspects that Jean may be harbouring a secret. First shown on Alibi (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Taggart

2/3 Series 1. Dead Ringer. Jim and the team investigate when a dismembered body is found under the floorboards of a Glasgow house. Things take a turn for the worse when the victim's baby is kidnapped from a multi-storey car park. (S)

1.30am The Brokenwood Mysteries: 3/6 Series 7. The team investigate the murder of the Brokenwood Savings Bank manager (HD)

3.25–4.00am Birds of a Feather: 5/14 Series 4. The girls decide their aunt's fate (S)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

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7.00am The Real Housewives of Atlanta (S) (HD) **8.00** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon The Big Bake (S) (HD) **1.00pm** FILM Reporting for Christmas ★★ Romantic drama with Tamara Feldman (S) (W) (HD) **3.00** FILM The Holiday Proposal Plan ★★ Romantic comedy with Tatyana Ali (S) (W) (HD)

5.00 Billie and Greg: the Family Diaries (S) (HD)

6.00pm Fletchers' Family Farm A break in the weather offers a chance to save the valuable harvest, while piglets wreak havoc with the farm's water supply. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 New. The Big Bake The teams serve up cakes featuring snow-loving folks. (S) (HD)

8.00 New. Making cakes featuring Santa Claus on an intergalactic adventure. (S) (HD)

9.00 Botched After almost dying during a procedure in Ecuador, an ex-Playboy model wants to fix her neck and nose. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 A pop star impersonator needs his nose fixed before his world tour. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity Homes A look at some of the most remarkable residences of the stars. (S) (HD)

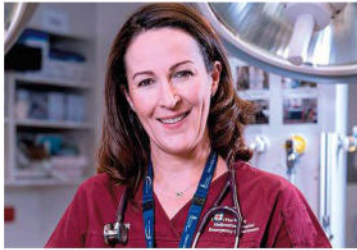
12 midnight–12.55am Bridezillas (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 **+1** Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

More4

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The Emergency Ward 10.00pm
Dr Emma treats a road trauma victim

8.55am George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: the Best Builds (AD) **9.55** Ugly House to Lovely House with George Clarke (AD) **11.00** George Clarke's Old House, New Home (AD) **12 noon** Come Dine with Me: dinner parties in and around Reading **2.40pm** Four in a Bed **5.20pm** **Come Dine with Me** Dinner parties in Belfast include authentic Caribbean cuisine, a "come as your teenage self" evening and maritime entertainment. **8.00 999: on the Front Line** A young man has curvature of the spine, a high temperature, low blood pressure and a fast heart rate – all triggers for the life-threatening condition sepsis. **9.00 24 Hours in A&E** Stanlie, 24, is airlifted to St George's by helicopter after being impaled on a metal rod at a construction site. Meanwhile, emergency nurse practitioner Ali suspects Richard's sore joints may be the beginning of arthritis. (AD) **10.00 The Emergency Ward** Dr Emma rushes to meet a critically injured road trauma victim at the helipad. Meanwhile, Dr Lauren treats an American schoolboy who plunged ten metres down a cliff. (AD) **11.00 Emergency Helicopter Medics** Air ambulance crews rush to help Cumbrian farmer Dennis when his chest is pierced by a large metal spike, and a motorcyclist is in a critical condition following a crash. (AD) **12 midnight** The Good Doctor (AD) **1.00am** 999: on the Front Line **2.05** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.10–3.40am** **A Place in the Sun**

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks: omnibus (AD) **8.25** **FILM** A Godwink Christmas: Second Chance, First Love ★★ Romantic drama **10.05** Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back (SL) (AD) **12.05pm** Young Sheldon (AD) **2.35** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **5.00** The Great New Year Bake Off: a seasonal edition of the contest (AD) **6.25pm** **FILM** **A Knight's Tale** ★★★★★ Romantic period adventure starring Heath Ledger. In 14th-century Europe, William, a young commoner, poses as Sir Ulrich of Liechtenstein, a knight. But can he change his destiny by winning jousting tournaments? (AD) **9.00** **FILM** **Mission: Impossible – Fallout** ★★★★★ Action spy thriller starring Tom Cruise, Rebecca Ferguson and Henry Cavill. After the failure of a mission to buy three stolen plutonium cores before a terrorist group can get them, Ethan Hunt is targeted by a CIA assassin who could derail the IMF for good. Also showing Friday 9pm (AD) **11.55** **Gogglebox** **Bargain Hunt**, **Strictly Come Dancing** and **The Circle** are appraised. First shown October 2018. (SL) (AD) **12.55am** Opinions on **Strictly Come Dancing**, **The Great British Bake Off** and **Killing Eve**. From October 2018. (SL) (AD) **1.55** First Dates (SL) (AD) **2.55** Below Deck Sailing Yacht: new deckhand Barnaby arrives (AD) **3.40–6.00am** Hollyoaks: omnibus (SL) (AD)

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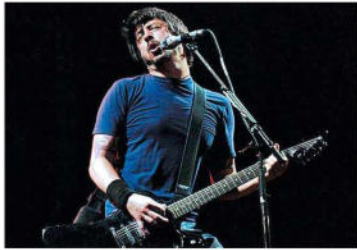
Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Fantasy Homes by the Sea **10.00** A Place in the Sun (AD) **3.00pm** The Hotel Inspector **4.00** Antiques Road Trip: triple bill **7.00pm** **Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House** **8.00** Dr Pimple Popper **9.00** World's Biggest Cyst: Body Bizarre **10.00** Frozen by Fear: Body Bizarre: a rare neurological disorder **11.00** The Ghost Town Terror **12 midnight** Ghost Adventures: Screaming Room: a case in Nevada **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00–6.00am** Animal Cops **Really** Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Foo Fighters: Live in Hyde Park
9.00pm Dave Grohl takes to the stage

6.00am Joseph Calleja: Lead Me Home **7.15** Pavarotti: Tenth Anniversary Gala **8.30** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **11.00** Portrait Artist of the Year: double bill **1.00pm** Discovering: Sean Penn **2.00** The Agatha Christie Hour (AD) **3.00** Classic Albums: Carly Simon's No Secrets **4.00** Carly Simon: a Moonlight Serenade on the Queen Mary 2 **5.30** The Kinks: Music Icons **6.00pm** **The Who: Live at the Isle of Wight** The band's performance at the festival in 1970, featuring hits *I Can't Explain* and *Magic Bus* as well as tracks from their double album *Tommy*. **8.00** **The Directors** The life and work of Fred Zinnemann, who won Oscars for *From Here to Eternity* and *A Man for All Seasons*. **9.00** **New. Foo Fighters: Live in Hyde Park** A 2006 performance by the American rock band, with guest appearances by Lemmy, Roger Taylor and Brian May. **11.00** **New. Crocodile: a Digital Opera** Hull Urban Opera perform the work of composer Lente Verelst and librettist Lena Vercauteren. Inspired by Samuel Beckett's play, this animation imagines Punch and Judy's characters in the modern world. **11.15** **Discovering: Sean Penn** A profile of the Oscar-winning American actor. **12.15am** Dean Martin: King of Cool **2.25** Frank Sinatra: the Main Event – Live from Madison Square Garden **3.40** Sam Cooke: a Legend in Concert **5.10** Red Hot Chili Peppers: Music Icons **5.35–6.00am** Music Icons: American Rock **Sky Arts** Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Four in a Bed: ten editions **2.00pm** A Place in the Sun: four editions **6.00** **A Place in the Sun** A couple seek a holiday home in Spain's Almeria region. **7.00** Sandra and Dave are looking for a holiday home in southern Alicante. **8.00** **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud returns to West Sussex to meet with Olaf and Fritha, who in 2019 set out to build a home on a small piece of land that is boxed in by a railway and an A-road. Shown last Wed C4 (AD) **9.00** **Gogglebox** The armchair critics share their opinions on *SAS: Who Dares Wins*, *Bridgerton*, *Freeze the Fear with Wim Hof* and *The 1% Club*. From April 2022. (AD) **10.00** **Travel Man: 96 Hours in Iceland** Joe Lycett visits Iceland with Bill Bailey. In a packed itinerary they visit a punk museum in Reykjavik, experience an earthquake simulator and fly over Iceland's longest fjord. **11.05** **24 Hours in Police Custody** Documentary series following the work of Bedfordshire Police, from the cells at Luton to the heart of major cases. Shown 9pm C4 **12.10am** The story of an armed siege in a Bedford tower block, which began in the early hours of an otherwise quiet Sunday. **1.55–4.30am** **Gogglebox** (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

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6.00am Legend of Croc Gold **7.00** Jeremy Wade's Dark Waters **8.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **9.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **10.00** Who Do You Think You Are? **11.00** The Hotel Inspector **12 noon** The Repair Shop **3.00pm** John Torode's Australia **4.00** Michel Roux's French Country Cooking **5.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It: double bill **7.00pm** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop: restoring a midwifery bag, a cherished painting and a First World War brooch **10.00** Outback Opal Hunters **11.00** NASA's Unexplained Files: double bill **1.00am** Curse of the Bermuda Triangle: searching for ghost ships **2.00** World's Top Five **3.00** Airplane Repo **4.00–5.00am** How It's Made **Quest** Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Bangers and Cash 10.00pm A beloved Jaguar E-Type goes under the hammer

6.10am Hornby: a Model World: double bill (AD) **8.00** Nazi Hunters: four editions **12 noon** The World at War: four editions **4.00pm** Bangers and Cash: two editions (AD) **6.00pm** **Bangers and Cash** Derek collects a 1988 Opel Manta, while Dave picks up a Ford Granada rally support vehicle. (AD) **7.00** Derek drives a 1960s bus that arrived in the UK after a life in the sun and Dave takes a Triumph TR7 convertible to auction. (AD) **8.00** **'Allo 'Allo!** René is enlisted to set up a mobile radio station to broadcast propaganda, the parts for which will be dropped by plane. **8.40** Michelle blackmails von Strohm and Gruber after revealing she has a photograph of the pair holding the *Fallen Madonna*. **9.20** It's René's birthday and his surprises include a car from Edith, a wink from Hitler and a bomb from the Resistance. **10.00** **Bangers and Cash** A man reluctantly sends his beloved Jaguar E-Type to auction. Meanwhile, Dave admires two Ford Escorts. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** Exploring the ruined site of Troy and how it helped decode one of the world's most enduring mysteries. (AD) **12 midnight** Bangers and Cash (AD) **1.00–3.00am** The Architecture of the Railways Built (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **9.00** Abandoned Engineering: double bill (AD) **11.00** Top Gear: triple bill (AD) **2.00pm** Full Custom Garage: double bill **4.00** Gino's Italian Escape: Islands in the Sun **6.00pm** **Turkey with Simon Reeve** The presenter explores the country that lies at the crossroads between Europe and Asia. **7.00** **New. Border Force: America's Gatekeepers** An intoxicated 17-year-old requires urgent medical treatment. **8.00** **Mortimer & Whitehouse: Gone** **Christmas Fishing** Paul takes Bob on a quest to catch an elusive English salmon. (AD) **9.20** **QI** Sandi Toksvig is joined by Alan Davies, Maisie Adam, David Mitchell and Holly Walsh as she asks "ridiculous" questions. **10.00** **Live at the Apollo** Nish Kumar hosts from the Hammersmith Apollo, introducing sets by Luisa Omelani and David O'Doherty. **11.00** **QI** Joe Lycett, Zoe Lyons and Liza Tarbuck answer questions on reflections. **11.40** **QI XL** Stephen Fry poses questions to Dara O Briain, Chris Addison and Sean Lock. **12.40am** Mock the Week: double bill **2.00–4.00am** Meet the Richardsons

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave** **Ja Vu** Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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6.00am Border Patrol **8.00** Highway Patrol **11.00** 999 Frontline **12 noon** Neighbourhood Blues **1.00pm** Caught Red Handed **3.00** Border Security: Australia's Front Line **5.00** Caught on Dashcam **7.00** Agatha Raisin: Agatha tries to plan the perfect Christmas for her friends (AD) **9.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer: how DNA and the exhumation of a body solved a 30-year-old triple murder (AD) **10.00** **FILM** **Oldboy** ★★★★★ Action thriller starring Choi Min-sik. After being kidnapped and imprisoned for no apparent reason, Oh Dae-su discovers that he is the chief suspect in his wife's murder. Held for 15 years, he is released without explanation and sets about seeking vengeance. Korean + subtitles (W) **12 midnight** The Real Manhunter (AD) **1.00am** Mark of a Serial Killer **2.00** Motorway Patrol: four editions **4.00–6.00am** Border Patrol **Sky Mix** Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Columbo **7.10pm** Jesse Stone: Sea Change: the New England police chief investigates an unsolved case involving a bank teller who was shot dead in broad daylight **9.00** War of the Worlds: three episodes. *Series 2*. Catherine and the other survivors prepare for the ultimate attack **10.05** *Series 3*. As people across the globe experience hallucinations, M15 agent Zoe contacts Bill for answers **11.05** Astronauts Juliet and Richard see warning signs in space, uncovering a sinister mission **12.10am** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: three back-to-back episodes **2.55** Lucifer: Charlotte tries to help repair Linda and Maze's friendship **3.35–4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **1.00pm** Traffic Cops: four editions **5.00pm** **Police Interceptors** Phil faces an electric scooter stand-off with an illegal rider. **6.00** A van driver blocks himself into a dead end and rams the interceptors' car. **7.00** A pursuit in Worsnop sees Jay Simms tail a suspected car thief into a housing estate. **8.00** Officers investigate reports of someone brandishing a 12-inch blade. **9.00** **FILM** **The Hangover Part III** ★★ Comedy starring Bradley Cooper and Ed Helms. History repeats itself when one of the Wolfpack is kidnapped and the gang has to renew old acquaintances back in Las Vegas to secure his release. **Review**, page 109. **11.10** **FILM** **Billy Madison** ★★★★★ Comedy starring Adam Sandler. When his father announces that he's relinquishing control of the family's hotel chain, spoilt son Billy Madison faces an ultimatum – repeat his twelve school grades in six months, or lose the business. **1.00am** Revenge: two back-to-back episodes **2.50–3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Trucking Hell (AD) **10.00** **New.** Wrestling: WWE: SmackDown and Raw **12 noon** Entertainment News **12.05pm** Winter Road Rescue **12.45** Police Interceptors **2.45** **FILM** The Cimarron Kid ★★★★★ Western **4.30** **FILM** The Fastest Gun Alive ★★★★★ Western starring Glenn Ford (BW) **6.25pm** **FILM** **The Horse Soldiers** ★★★★★ Civil War drama starring John Wayne and William Holden. In 1863, a Union mission to disrupt supply lines behind Confederate lines is jeopardised when Colonel John Marlowe encounters a southern belle. **9.00** **FILM** **King of Thieves** ★★★★★ Crime drama based on a true story, starring Michael Caine. After the death of his wife, a former career criminal comes out of retirement for one last job: robbing a jewellery vault in London's Hatton Garden. **Review** page 89. **11.10** **FILM** **The Specialist** ★★★★★ Thriller starring Sylvester Stallone and Sharon Stone. A woman enlists an explosives expert to help avenge the murder of her parents. **1.25am** Trucking Hell: Jim faces a hazardous callout **2.30–3.00am** Winter Road Rescue

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.10** **FILM** Snowed in for Christmas ★★ Romance **11.00** Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly (AD) **6.00pm** **FILM** **A Very Yorkshire Christmas** ★★ Romantic drama starring Rachel Shenton. Opera singer Jessica finds herself stranded in a remote English village over Christmas. **8.00** **Freddie Mercury: a Christmas Story** Friends and loved ones reflect on the career of Freddie Mercury and Queen. **9.30** **Queen: a Night at the Odeon** A 1975 performance by the band on Christmas Eve. **11.00** **Greatest Ever Christmas Movie** **Blunders** Elis James showcases mistakes in festive films from the golden age of Hollywood to more recent beloved Christmas films. **1.00am** The Nile with Bettany Hughes: the historian visits the west bank of the Nile opposite Luxor **2.55–3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

SUNDAY Freeview & films

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Outnumbered 8.40pm Pete is determined to get away

6.30am Tipping Point: Lucky Stars
7.20 Celebrity Tipping Point **9.20** Rick Stein's Cornish Christmas (AD)
10.40 Simply Nigella: Christmas Special (AD) **11.45 FILM** Dear Secret Santa ★★ Romance (W) **1.35pm** My Family (AD) **4.00** Miranda (AD)

6.00pm Christmas under Wraps ★★ Romantic drama starring Candace Cameron Bure. (W)

7.50 Miranda The shopkeeper tries to find happiness. (AD)

8.40 Outnumbered The family's festive plans grind to a halt. (AD)

9.30 Stacey Dooley: inside the Convent Stacey Dooley moves into a Whitby convent for ten days. (AD)

10.50 Women behind Bars with Trevor McDonald An inmate who spent 35 years on the run.

11.50 Bad Girls behind Bars Long-term inmates Jackie and Kourtney are moved.

12.50am Ambulance Australia
1.40-3.00am The Hairy Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

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HGTV 44

7.00am My Lottery Dream Home
10.00 The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **3.00pm** A Place in the Sun: five editions. Ben Hillman helps a couple from Yorkshire start their new life on Menorca **4.00** A London couple find a holiday home in the Costa Blanca **5.00** A couple look for a second home in Fuerteventura **6.00** Ben Hillman helps a family find a holiday home in Florida **7.00** A retired nurse wants to start a new chapter of her life in Barbados **8.00** A Place in the Sun: five further editions offering buyers advice on buying a second home abroad

1.00am Fixer Upper: the Hotel (AD)
1.30 Fixer Upper: behind the Design
2.00-4.00am The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD)

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191
+1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am London's Weekend
7.00 Woman in Motion **9.00** The World's Most Extraordinary Families
10.00 Little Matters: Turtles **11.00** FILM Tomorrow We Live ★★ (BW) **12.45pm** FILM The Marked One ★ **2.05** FILM The 14 ★★
4.10 FILM It's a Grand Life ★★ (BW) **6.20** London Districts **6.30** Tabernacle Choir: Music and Words
7.00 David Attenborough's Light on Earth **8.00** The Avengers (BW)
9.15 Murder Maps **10.15** The Irish Mob **11.15** FILM The Informers ★★ (BW) **1.25am** Stories from the Blitz **3.00** Discover London **3.30** News Rewind **5.00-6.00am** Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Mary Berry's Quick Cooking 8.00pm Mary and Dina

6.00am Holiday Baking Championship **8.00** Buddy vs Duff **10.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen **11.00** Mary Berry's Quick Cooking **12.30pm** Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas **1.30** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **4.00** Jamie's Italian Christmas **5.00** Jamie's Affordable Christmas (AD)

6.00pm Jamie's Ultimate Christmas: tips for perfect turkey, gravy and roast potatoes **7.00** Tom Kerridge's Veggie Christmas: puff pastry parcels, veggie gravy and white chocolate trifle **8.00** Mary Berry's Quick Cooking: with Eleanor Tomlinson and Joe Lycett **9.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen: recipes using leftovers, including French toast, glazed ham with bubble and squeak, and turkey and ham pie **10.00** Gok Wan's Easy Asian Christmas: including belly pork with honey and soy sauce **11.00** New. Holiday Survival Guide: featuring a selection of desserts **12 midnight** All-Star Gingerbread Build **1.00am** Christmas Cookie Challenge **2.00-3.00am** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) **Virgin 190 +1 F'sat** 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **11.00** Murder, She Wrote: seven episodes **6.00pm** Murder, She Wrote: three further episodes. Jessica defends the memory of her late husband **7.00** A psychic's predictions disturb Jessica **8.00** Grady's wedding is disrupted **9.00** A Fixer Upper Mystery: Concrete Evidence **10.50** Murder 101: If Wishes Were Horses **12.40am** Castle **1.40** Movie News **1.50** Castle **2.50** Movie News **3.00** Return of the Saint **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 **+1** **Freesat** 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives
12 noon Something's Killing Me **2.00pm** Medical Detectives: a murder set up to look like a suicide **2.30** A man vanishes **3.00** A young girl is murdered **3.30** A go-go dancer vanishes **4.00** A hunter is shot and killed **4.30** A well-respected nurse dies **5.00** Judge Judy **12.05am** World's Most Unexplained... **1.00** The Day I Should Have Died **4.00** Something's Killing Me **5.30-6.00am** Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall **11.00** House of Lords **12.30pm** Scottish Parliament **1.30** Senedd Cymru **2.30** House of Commons **3.05** House of Lords **3.40** PMQs **4.15** Scottish Questions **5.00** Welsh Questions **6.00** Select Committees **12 midnight** House of Commons **12.35am** House of Lords **1.10** Scottish Parliament **2.10** House of Lords **3.40** PMQs **4.15** Scottish Questions **5.00-6.00am** Welsh Questions

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



KGB: the Sword and the Shield 7.15pm The KGB's role

6.00am Rommel: the Soldier, the Son and Hitler **7.00** No Roses on a Sailor's Grave **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Rommel: the Soldier, the Son and Hitler **9.45** KGB: the Sword and the Shield **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** Auschwitz in 33 Objects **6.05pm** Auschwitz in 33 Objects **5/5**. Stories of the prisoners of Auschwitz Birkenau.

7.15 KGB: the Sword and the Shield 1/3. Examining the history of the KGB, as told through its veterans and its victims.

8.20 2/3. Focusing on Nikita Khrushchev's attempts to limit the security service's power. **9.30 3/3**. An insight into the supreme authority of the Kremlin under President Putin.

10.35 Rommel: the Soldier, the Son and Hitler A rare insight into the life of Erwin Rommel.

12 midnight Auschwitz in 33 Objects **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** Auschwitz in 33 Objects **5.25-6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) **Freesat** 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze 64

6.00am WW2 Treasure Hunters **9.00** Digging for Britain **9.00** Close Encounters Down Under **10.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies **11.00** Ancient Aliens **12 noon** Strange Evidence **2.00pm** Mythical Beasts **7.00** History's Greatest Myths **8.00** River Hunters **9.00** New. Black Sea Mystery: Lost Worlds: remote survey vehicles are sent two kilometres under water to scan the seabed **10.20** New. Shipwrecks: When History Resurfaces: examining Operation Dragoon, the Allied invasion of southern France in August 1944 **11.20** Secrets of the Lost Liners: the cruise ship SS America **12.20am** Secrets in the Ice **1.25** The Proof Is Out There **2.00** Mythical Beasts **5.00-6.00am** Hardcore Pawn

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge 48

7.00am Scrapheap Challenge **10.00** Bullseye **12 noon** Family Fortunes (AD) **1.00pm** Dickinson's Real Deal: a Malvern woman is offered £400 for a diamond and gold watch that she wants to sell, but takes advice from David Dickinson on whether she might make more at auction **2.00** Catchphrase (AD) **3.00** Cash Trapped **5.00** Tenable: double bill. Five drag artists from London answer questions based on top-ten lists, then a team of schoolfriends from Kent answer questions **7.00** The Chase **9.00** The Chase Celebrity Special: Strictly's Anton Du Beke, West End leading lady Denise Van Outen, politician Diane Abbott and former footballer Matt Le Tissier challenge the quiz genius, Bradley Walsh hosts **10.00pm-6.00am** The Chase

Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.40am Pip and Posy **5.45** Mixmups **6.00** Peppa Pig **6.05** Blue's Clues & You **6.25** Sesame Street Mecha Builders **6.40** Pirata & Capitano **6.50** Fireman Sam **7.00** Thomas & Friends **7.15** Paw Patrol **7.25** Pip and Posy **7.45** Peppa Pig **8.00** New. The Adventures of Paddington **8.20** Mixmups **8.35** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom **8.50** New. Pop Paper City **9.05** New. Meet the Experts **9.15** Reu & Harper's Wonder World **9.25-9.50am** New. Dora the Explorer

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Baby Jake **6.10** Twirlywoos **6.20** Bing **6.30** Love Monster **6.35** Chuggington **6.50** Go Jetters **7.00** Postman Pat: SDS **7.15** Bing **7.35** Hey Duggee **7.50** Go Jetters **8.00** Peter Rabbit **8.15** Octonauts: Above & Beyond **8.25** Chuggington **8.35** Bitz & Bob **8.45** The Furchester Hotel **9.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **9.20** Bluey **9.35** Hey Duggee **9.50** Supertato: Evil Pea and Supertato get stuck inside a giant bubble. **10.00** Spidey and His Amazing Friends **10.25** The Gruffalo **10.50** Bing **11.15** Alphablocks **11.20** Numberblocks **11.25** Colourblocks **11.30** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **11.45** Dog Squad **12 noon** My World Kitchen **12.10pm** I Can Do It, You Can Too **12.25** Hey Duggee **12.40** Octonauts **1.00** Bitz & Bob **1.10** Love Monster **1.25** Go Jetters **1.35** Messy Goes to OKIDO **1.45** Dog Loves Books **1.55** Roots and Fruits **2.00** Something Special: We're All Friends **2.20** I Can Do It, You Can Too **2.35** Molly and Mack **2.50** Alphablocks **2.55** Baby Jake **3.05** Supertato **3.15** JoJo & Gran Gran **3.25** Fred & Pete's Treasure Tales **3.40** GoggleQuiz **3.55** Numberblocks **4.05** Magic Hands **4.15** Olga Da Polga **4.25** Supertato **4.35** Bluey **4.45** CBeebies Panto **5.45** Nick Pope's Poptast: Elf **5.50** Charlie and Lola **6.05** Tee and Mo **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories: Vicky McClure reads *Duck in the Truck* by Jez Alborough

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Sketchy Comedy **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher Unleashed! **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.50** Ninja Express **8.05** Odd Squad **8.15** Oswaldo **8.30** The Designers **9.00** Blue Peter **9.30** FILM Nativity! ★★ Comedy starring Martin Freeman. Despite being traumatised by a bad review years earlier, primary school teacher Paul Maddens is tasked with directing the annual Nativity play. Taunted by a teacher from a rival school, Paul foolishly promises that an old flame, now a Hollywood producer, is coming to see his production. (W) **11.10** Danger Mouse **11.30** Sketchy Comedy **11.35** Grizzly and the Lemmings **11.40** The Football Academy **12.10pm** Hank Zipzer's Christmas Catastrophe **1.40** Danger Mouse **2.00** Taffy: Bentley accidentally treats Santa very badly **2.10** Octonauts Specials **3.15** Operation Ouch! **4.15** Deadly Mission Shark **4.45** The Boy in the Dress **5.45** Malory Towers **6.10** The Next Step **6.35-7.00pm** Transformers EarthSpark

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2
6.00am DC Super Hero Girls
6.10 Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Looney Tunes Cartoons **6.40** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.30-9.00am** Scooby-Doo! Abracadabra-Doo

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder **11.15** New. Teletubbies Let's Go: the Teletubbies are decorating the Home Dome for Christmas **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am Star Trek: Nemesis ★★ Captain Picard clashes with his evil clone in this action-packed adventure for the Next Generation crew. Patrick Stewart (2002, 12) (S)

1.15pm It's a Wonderful Life ★★★★★ Classic fantasy drama in which a suicidal man is shown the value of his life by his guardian angel. James Stewart, Donna Reed (1946, U) (S)

3.55 Howards End ★★★★★ Elegant period drama about class and society in Edwardian England, based on the novel by EM Forster. Anthony Hopkins, Emma Thompson, Helena Bonham Carter (1992, PG) (S) (AD)

6.45pm GI Joe: the Rise of Cobra ★★★★★ A team of super-elite soldiers takes on a mysterious terrorist organisation in this exciting, action-packed adventure. Channing Tatum (2009, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Kingsman: the Golden Circle ★★ The Kingsman spies must team up with their American Statesman counterparts in this pacy action adventure. Taron Egerton (2017, 15) (S) (AD)

11.45 Black and Blue ★★★★★ Rookie cop Naomie Harris attempts to expose racist killers in the New Orleans police force. Tyrese Gibson, Frank Grillo (2019, 15) (S) (AD)

1.55-4.00am Ninjababy ★★★★★ Quirky Norwegian unwanted-pregnancy dramedy mixing live action and animation. Kristine Kujath Thorp, Nader Khademi (2021, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 **+1 F'view** 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

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6.00am Peg of Old Drury ★★★★★ Handsome and entertaining biopic of 18th-century Irish actress Peg Woffington. Anna Neagle (1935, U) (S)

7.30 Scarlet Street ★★★★★ A henpecked husband falls for the wrong woman in this effective film noir. Edward G. Robinson, Joan Bennett (1945, PG) (S)

9.30 One Step Beyond Supernatural drama TV series. (S)
10.10 The Stranger ★★★★★ Orson Welles stars in and directs this stylish thriller about the hunt for a Nazi war criminal. Edward G. Robinson (1946, PG) (S)

12.05pm The Violent Men ★★★★★ A cattle baron embarks on a dispute with local ranchers while his wife has an affair with his brother. Glenn Ford, Barbara Stanwyck, Edward G. Robinson (1955, PG) (S)

2.00 The Adventures of Robin Hood TV drama. (S) **2.30** The Larkins TV sitcom. (S) **3.10** Look at Life TV documentary. **3.30** The Boy Who Caught a Crook ★★ Watchable adventure starring Roger Mobley. (1961, U) (S) **5.00** The Footage Detectives Vintage TV clips. (S)

6.00pm Tell Me Another Showbiz anecdotes. (S)

6.40 Bailout at 43,000 ★★★★★ Well-made US Air Force drama that follows the emotional ups and downs of a pilot. John Payne (1957, U) (S)

8.25 Lifeline TV documentary. (S)

9.00 Manhunt TV war drama. (S)

10.05 Sex Education TV drama. (S)

10.35 The Diamond ★★ Mediocre crime drama. Dennis O'Keefe (1954) (S)

12.15am Confessions of a Driving Instructor ★★ Embarrassing soft-core comedy. Robin Askwith (1976, 18) **2.00** The Main Chance TV drama. **3.00** The Heritage Chart Show with Mike Read TV music show. **4.05-5.45am** Six Inches Tall ★★ A doll maker starts shrinking people. John Agar (1958) (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445



FILM REVIEWS



Chicken Run ★★★★★

2.00-3.20pm **BBC1**

U

ADVENTURE This pastiche of such PoW classics as *The Great Escape* and *Stalag 17* is an awesome achievement by the team at Aardman Animation. Rocky (voiced by Mel Gibson) is a "lone free-ranger" rooster who tries to help the hens in Mr and Mrs Tweedy's high-security egg farm find a way to freedom. There are plenty of nods to classic films and the largely British voice cast (Julia Sawalha, Jane Horrocks, Timothy Spall) provides humour and pathos. Sequel *Chicken Run: Dawn of the Nugget* arrives on Netflix this Friday – see feature p16/review p35. **DAVID PARKINSON** (US/UK 2000, HD)

Miracle on 34th Street ★★★★★

1.40-3.40pm **C5**

U

FANTASY Natalie Wood stars here as a jaded youngster whose mother (Maureen O'Hara) organises an annual Christmas parade. Where previous Santas hired have been old drunks, that's not the case with Kris Kringle (Edmund Gwenn). The film was awarded Oscars for best screenplay and original story, with Gwenn also picking up best supporting actor. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1947, BW, HD)

Jingle All the Way ★★

2.30-4.20pm **C4**

PG

COMEDY Overworked businessman Arnold Schwarzenegger promises his neglected son the year's hottest toy for Christmas. Alas, it sold out months previously, thus sparking a frantic hunt. Arnie acquires himself well in the slapstick action sequences but he's a tad embarrassing during the cuddlier moments. **JOHN FERGUSON** (US 1996, HD)

The Titfield Thunderbolt ★★★★★

2.45-4.05pm **BBC2**

U

COMEDY This mid-tier Ealing production sees the residents of a village waging war when their local railway line is closed. Writer **TEB CLARKE**

Pride & Prejudice ★★★★★

6.00-8.00pm **BBC2**

U

ROMANCE Director Joe Wright's intelligent take on the Jane Austen classic presents its Regency heroine Elizabeth Bennet (Keira Knightley) as a waspish tomboy, able to tie sullen bachelor Mr Darcy (*Succession*'s Matthew Macfadyen) in knots with her spirited ripostes. Donald Sutherland and Brenda Blethyn offer strong support as Lizzie's doting father and marriage-obsessed mother. **SLOAN FREER** (US/UK/Fr 2005, HD)

The Rocky Horror Picture Show ★★★★★

10.00-11.35pm **BBC2**

(not showing in Wales)

15

MUSICAL This send-up of old horror flicks is a campy, vampy and kinky delight. Susan Sarandon and Barry Bostwick play the strait-laced couple who get stranded at the weird castle of Dr Frank N Furter, played by a gleefully deranged Tim Curry. The score is justifiably famous and includes *Touch-a Touch-a Touch Me*, *Sweet Transvestite* and *The Time Warp*. **AJ** (UK 1975, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

Made in Italy ★★

10.55pm-12.40am **C4**

15

DRAMA A father and son (Liam Neeson and real-life son Micheál Richardson) must sell their Tuscan family home in writer/director James D'Arcy's sun-drenched tale. Neeson does his best, but Richardson feels miscast and only love interest Valeria Bilello comes out of it well. It looks gorgeous, though, and might brighten up a gloomy evening. **STEVE MORRISSEY** (UK/It 2020, swearing, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

DC League of Super-Pets ★★★★★ 2.05-4.00pm

Sky Animation

Heroic dogs assemble. (2022, PG) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

The Duke ★★★★★ 6.15-

8.00pm **Sky Cinema Comedy** A portrait is snatched. (2020, 12) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

A Good Person ★★★★★

10.10pm-12.25am **Sky Hits** Haunting drama about grief and addiction. (2023, 15) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Films to stream from p34
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Great Movies 34

9.10am Hearts of Christmas ★★

A nurse locks horns with her finance manager. **Emilie Ullerup** (2016) **11.05 Correcting Christmas ★★** A chance to revisit the past. **Kelly Overton** (2014)

12.55pm Annie Claus Is Coming to Town ★★

Overly sweet romantic tale. **Maria Thayer** (2011, U) **2.50 Paul Blart: Mall Cop ★★** Fitfully funny comedy. **Kevin James** (2009, PG) **4.45 Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 ★★** Comedy sequel with **Kevin James**. (2015, PG)

6.50pm Eddie the Eagle ★★★★★

Taron Egerton plays ski-jumper Eddie "The Eagle" Edwards in this crowd-pleasing drama. (2016, PG)

9.00 Faster ★★

Action-packed thriller with **Dwayne Johnson** as an ex-con out for revenge. (2010, 15)

10.55 Stratton ★★

Humdrum action thriller about a bizarre terrorist plot. **Dominic Cooper** (2017, 15)

12.50am Upside Down ★★

Visually imaginative but unevenly executed sci-fi romance. **Kirsten Dunst** (2012, 12) **3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: A Game of Cat and Mouse

Great Movies Freeview 34 Freesat 302

Sky 321 Virgin 425 **+1 Freesat 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322**

Great Action 42

8.10am Bomb at 10:10 ★★

Wartime PoW adventure. **George Montgomery** (1967)

10.05 A Prize of Arms ★★

Clever and exciting caper about the stealing of army loot. **Stanley Baker** (1961, PG)

12.25pm The Two-Headed Spy ★★★★★

Taut, tense wartime spy saga. **Jack Hawkins** (1958, U) **2.20 Atlantic Convoy ★★** Spies infiltrate a vital Allied base. **Bruce Bennett**, **Virginia Field** (1942, U)

3.45 The Red Beret ★★

Alan Ladd hits the trenches in this rip-roaring war drama. **Leo Genn** (1953, PG)

5.35 The Enemy General ★★

Van Johnson is after revenge. (1960, U)

7.10pm Tank Force ★★

Heroic Victor Mature plays a PoW in the Libyan desert. **Leo Genn** (1958, U)

9.00 Hamburger Hill ★★★★★

Affecting, unflinching account of a gruelling campaign of the Vietnam War. **Michael Patrick Boatman**, **Don Cheadle** (1987, 18)

11.20 Punisher: War Zone ★★

Trashy, hard-edged thriller. **Ray Stevenson**, **Dominic West** (2008, 18)

1.25am Bunraku ★★

Flimsy but flashy action fantasy. **Josh Hartnett** (2010, 15)

3.50-5.00am Battle Honours

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 +1 Sky 324

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am Christmas Confessions ★★

Warm-hearted romance. (2015)

10.00 A Rose at Christmas ★★

The family business is under threat. **Rachel Boston** (2017) **12 noon It's Beginning to Look a Lot like Christmas ★★** Fun romcom. **Tricia Helfer** (2019) **2.00pm The Christmas Cottage ★★** Stranded during a blizzard. **Merritt Patterson** (2017) **4.00 A Bramble House Christmas ★★** A kind nurse gets a nice surprise. (2017)

6.00pm Christmas on Ice ★★

Two ex winter athletes try to save a skating rink. **Abigail Klein**, **Ryan Cooper** (2020)

8.00 Double Christmas ★★

Competing colleagues plan a Christmas party. **Carly Pope** (2019)

10.00 The Mistletoe Promise ★★

Romance blooms for two people who hate Christmas. (2016)

12 midnight A Christmas Cupcake ★★

Feel-good comedy. **Cindy Busby** (2018)

2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Home by Christmas ★★ Downbeat drama. **Linda Hamilton** (2006)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 +1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am As 2.35pm 7.40 Beau Is Afraid ★★★★★

Wickedly funny black comedy in which **Joaquin Phoenix**'s anxious New Yorker faces a series of surreal obstacles. (2023, 15) **10.50 As 8pm 12.55pm As 6.20pm 2.35 Mummies ★★★★★** Breezy cartoon that sees two Egyptian mummies leave the afterlife to search for an ancient ring in modern-day London. **Review p36.** **Joe Thomas** (2023, U) **4.20 As 10.05pm 6.20pm Genie ★★★★★** Richard Curtis scripts this clever, cheesy festive comedy, with **Melissa McCarthy** as a genie assigned to help a workaholic father at Christmas. **Paapa Essiedu** (2023, PG)

8.00 May December ★★★★★

Provocative melodrama from **Todd Haynes**, with **Natalie Portman** as an actor rehearsing a controversial role. **Review p36.** **Julianne Moore** (2023, 15)

10.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★★★

Gentle drama starring **Jim Broadbent** as a retiree who sets out on a 500-mile hike to visit a friend. **Review p36.** (2023, 12)

12.05am As 7.40am 3.15 As 6.20pm 5.05 Sky Cinema Preview

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312

Legend 41

7.00am World's Most Unexplained... 8.00 It Came from Outer Space II ★★★★★

Lacklustre sci-fi. **Brian Kerwin** (1996, PG)

10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 3.00pm Strange Invaders ★★★★★

Warmly comic sci-fi drama about aliens who have settled on Earth. **Paul Le Mat**, **Nancy Allen** (1983, 12) **4.55 Treasure Guards ★★** Patchy **Indiana Jones**-style adventure. **Anna Friel**, **Raoul Bova** (2011)

6.50pm Raise the Titanic ★★

Famously expensive deep-sea exploration flop, with plenty of star power. **Jason Robards**, **Richard Jordan** (1980, PG)

9.00 Son of Frankenstein ★★★★★

Eerie, eccentric final outing for **Boris Karloff**'s hulking monster. **Basil Rathbone**, **Bela Lugosi** (1939, PG)

11.00 The Mummy's Tomb ★★

Tedious, cost-cutting sequel to *The Mummy's Hand*. **Lon Chaney** (1942, PG)

12.15am Mother's Day ★★★★★

This update of the 1980's original is a highly assured fusion of B-movie exploitation and home-invasion shocker. **Rebecca De Mornay**, **Jaime King** (2010, 18)

2.25-4.20am Wired Shut ★★

Underpowered home-invasion horror. **Blake Stadel**, **Natalie Sharp** (2021, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Instrument of War ★★★★★

A PoW makes a violin in this stirring true-story wartime drama. **Jack Ashton**, **Elliot James Langridge** (2017, 12) **10.00 End of the World ★** Awful disaster drama following a family fleeing the fallout from solar storms. **J Jheey Castles**, **Joseph Harris** (2018, 15) **12 noon The Blood Beast Terror ★** Peter Cushing struggles to avoid the dodgy horror clichés in a clumsy Victorian-era yarn. **Robert Fleming** (1967, 12) **2.00pm Battlestar Wars ★** Zero-budget, CGI-heavy sci-fi mockbuster. **Luke Fattorusso**, **Alyson Gorske** (2020, 12)

4.00pm Star Trek Five back-to-back episodes of the TV sci-fi drama starring William Shatner.

9.00 Hidden Agenda ★★

Pedestrian action thriller with **Dolph Lundgren** as a rogue FBI agent. **Maxim Roy**, **Serge Houde** (2001, 18)

10.55 The Midnight Man ★★

Occasionally menacing horror about a deadly board game that uses people's worst fears against them. **Gabrielle Haugh**, **Lin Shaye**, **Robert England** (2016, 15)

1.00-3.00am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

Sky Showcase


Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory 4.30pm

6.00am Where's Wally **6.25** Madagascar: a Little Wild **6.50** Trollz: Trollstopia (AD) **7.15** The Brilliant World of Tom Gates **7.30** Pip and Posy's Christmas Presents **7.35** Moominvalley (AD) **8.00** Kidz Bop Never Stop Concert **9.00** The Simpsons **11.00** Hitler's Engineers **12 noon** Evil Genius with Russell Kane **1.00pm** Agatha Raisin (AD) **3.00** The Simpsons **4.30** **FILM** Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory ★★★★★ Fantasy based on the classic children's book by Roald Dahl, starring Gene Wilder. **Review p59. Wonka feature, p12 (W)**

6.30pm LIVE Women's Super League Football Tottenham Hotspur v Manchester United at Brisbane Road (Kick-off **6.45**).

9.00 New. Whale with Steve Backshall 2/4. Steve reveals the hunting strategies of whales and dolphins, looking at how they use sound, skill and teamwork to catch their prey. **See page 53.**

10.10 Ricky Gervais: Fame Ricky tackles the world of celebrity in a recording of his hit one-man show.

11.40 Saturday Night Live American sketch show.

1.10am A League of Their Own **2.10** Road Wars **3.05** Nothing to Declare (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rounddown

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109 EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Primeval **4.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise

6.00pm Star Trek: Enterprise 7/26 Series 2. Archer leaves Trip in charge of the *Enterprise* when he is assigned a secret mission by Vulcan High Command.

7.00 8/26. Reed and Archer return to an alien planet to retrieve a communicator, only to be arrested by soldiers and accused of spying. **8.00 9/26.** The crew act oddly after a stellar phenomenon, leaving T'Pol, the only one not affected, to save the craft.

9.00 The Blair Witch Project ★★★★★ Supernatural horror starring Heather Donahue. In 1994, three students went into the Maryland woods to make a film about the legend of the "Blair Witch". They never returned, but a year later their cameras are recovered, complete with terrifying footage of their experiences.

10.40 Train 9/12. Jae-chul and Do-won of World B die in a mysterious car accident and Seo-kyung finds out that the living Do-won is from another world. **12 midnight 10/12.** Do-won finds out who the real killer is. However, the culprit is one step ahead of everyone else.

1.15am FILM 20.0 Megaquake ★ Sci-fi action thriller **3.00** Spying SG-1 **5.00-6.00am** Most Haunted

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic


Band of Brothers 9.00pm

Winters clashes with Sobel

6.00am Fish Town **9.00** True Blood **10.05** Tin Star (AD) **12.10pm** Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **3.20** Billions (AD)

6.50pm Billions 2/12 Series 3 Chuck tries to cash in a favour owed to him by an honourable judge, and Wendy helps Taylor weather their first major crisis. (AD) **7.55 3/12.** Chuck faces a dilemma when he is given a perverse directive, while Taylor and Wags interview a different type of Axe Capital employee. (AD)

9.00 Band of Brothers 1/10 Tom Hanks and Steven Spielberg's drama recounting the true-life story of crack US paratroop unit Easy Company during the Second World War. David Schwimmer and Damian Lewis star.

10.25 Tin Star: Liverpool 3/6 Series 3. Michael and Catherine clash over their next move. The Worths' new plan causes problems for Anna, who makes a bold and dangerous decision. (AD)

11.20 Watchmen 1/9. Detective Angela Abar and Tulsa police chief Judd Crawford work together on a police shooting that may signal a revival of the terrorist group. (AD)

12.30am The Undoing (AD) **1.30** In Treatment **2.00** **New.** The Gilded Age **7/8** Series 2. Repeated tomorrow 9pm **3.05-6.00am** Fish Town

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am Motorway Patrol **8.30** Border Patrol **11.00** The Real A&E (AD) **12 noon** Air Ambulance ER **1.00pm** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **2.00** Nothing to Declare

6.00pm Nothing to Declare Four editions following the work of customs officers in Australia.

8.00 New. Caught on Dashcam Winter Special Seasonal special bringing together the most spectacular, mind-boggling and bizarre car crashes, near misses and road incidents ever seen.

9.00 Blue Bloods 11/16 Series 11 Frank tries to save Gormley's career when complaints against him become public knowledge. Danny and Baez learn to be allies when the transgender community comes under attack. (AD)

10.00 FBI 17/23 Series 5. When the deputy commander of an air base is kidnapped, the team must work quickly to find the suspect along with stolen ammunition.

11.00 FBI: International 17/22 Series 2. After an American ballerina is the victim of an acid attack, the team head to Vienna. Smitty receives troubling intel from a familiar face. (AD)

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted: the team searches for two students connected to a homicide **1.00am** Departure (AD) **2.00** Law & Order: Organized Crime (AD) **3.00-6.00am** Nothing to Declare (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max


Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s 7.00pm

Tom Cruise

6.00am Highway Patrol **8.00** MacGyver **1.00pm** Agatha Raisin (AD) **3.00** NCIS: Los Angeles

5.00pm NCIS: Los Angeles 14/22 Series 11. The team investigates the murder of a naval warfare engineer at a poetry event, while Callen asks Nell to assist him in a worldwide search for Anna.

6.00 15/22. Anna Kolcheck returns to warn Callen that he is in danger and he must now work with an arch-enemy to stop an underground trafficking ring.

7.00 Movie Megastars: Made in the 80s The biggest film stars of the decade, including Tom Cruise, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Julia Roberts and Nicole Kidman. (AD)

9.00 A League of Their Own Ep 7 Series 18. Romesh Ranganathan hosts the quiz as Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam join Jamie Redknapp, Micah Richards and Jill Scott.

10.25 The Overlap on Tour 2/4 Roy Keane, Gary Neville and Jamie Carragher take to the stage, referee a Sunday League match and go for pie and mash with Stuart Pearce. (AD)

11.00 The Force: North East A burglar is arrested twice within days. **12 midnight** Road Wars **3.00am** The Force: North East **4.00-6.00am** Stop, Search, Seize (AD)

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sun, Sea and A&E **9.00** Four Weddings (AD) **2.00pm** MacGyver (AD) **6.00** Manifest: five episodes. Olive searches for meaning in a centuries-old text, Michaela faces unexpected scrutiny at work, and Zeke comes to Saanvi's aid when her lab research takes a dangerous turn

7.00 Ben works with a difficult new ally when Grace's pregnancy complicates the pursuit of a calling **8.00** Zeke must confront his past as the clock ticks towards his death date, while Saanvi tries to secure him a future. Ben and TJ are led towards a surprising loved one **9.00** Ben helps a passenger deal with his guilt, while Saanvi asks for assistance to protect herself from the Major **10.00** Season two ends in style as Michaela and Ben risk it all in a brave rescue attempt (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol: eight editions **3.00-6.00am** Four Weddings (AD)

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Cops (AD) **8.30** Caught Red Handed **10.00** Caught on Dashcam **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **1.00pm** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **2.00** World's Most Evil Killers **3.00** Killer in My Village **4.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **5.00** World's Most Evil Killers: double bill (AD)

7.00 Killing Mum and Dad: a man who killed his parents in a drunken attack (AD) **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers: Lee Ford, who killed his wife and four stepchildren in September 2000 **9.00** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer **12 midnight** Killer in My Village **1.00am** World's Most Evil Killers **4.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121 EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold


Knowing Me, Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge 11.00pm

7.20am Wallace & Gromit: A Close Shave **7.55** Wallace & Gromit: A Matter of Loaf and Death

8.35 Only Fools and Horses (AD) **11.30** Christmas Night with the Two Ronnies 1987 **12.35pm** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **2.20** Rock & Chips **3.40** Only Fools and Horses (AD)

6.20pm Only Fools and Horses The Trotters finally strike gold. (AD)

7.40 The Vicar of Dibley The villagers celebrate Geraldine's 40th birthday. (AD)

8.20 Ghosts A new arrival joins the haunted household in this Christmas special from 2020. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Agnes agrees to stage a nativity play. **9.40** Agnes vows to make her nativity play unforgettable

10.20 The Royle Family at Christmas The clan welcomes guests for the festivities. (AD)

11.00 Knowing Me, Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge Christmas special from 1995.

11.55 Upstart Crow: Lockdown Christmas 1603 Will and Kate spend Christmas in lockdown.

12.35am Ghosts (AD) **1.15** Mrs Brown's Boys **2.35** The Royle Family at Christmas (AD)

3.05-4.00am Knowing Me, Knowing Yule... with Alan Partridge

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** Entourage **1.30pm** The Conners **4.00** Will & Grace (AD) **6.30** The Office US: four episodes. Pam swears revenge on the person who vandalised her warehouse mural

7.00 Erin decides that she is going to break up with Andy **7.30** Pam has an interview in Philadelphia **8.30** The employees are excited when international promos for the documentary surface, but they are soon horrified to discover how much candid filming has taken place

9.00 New. Saturday Night Live 10.30 Ricky Gervais: Fame **12 midnight** Saturday Night Live **1.30am** Intelligence: a Special Agent Special: one-off edition of the comedy in which the members of the team go rogue to save their reputations and their jobs (AD) **2.30** Veep (AD) **4.20-5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

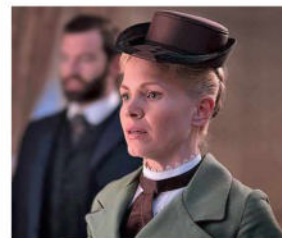
Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Weather **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Talent Shows **9.00** The Middle (AD) **2.00pm** Friends (AD) **5.15** **FILM** The Nutty Professor ★★★★★ Comedy starring Eddie Murphy as both Sherman Klump - the amiable, portly science teacher - and Buddy Love, his sleek and sharp alter ego

7.00 **FILM** Nutty Professor 2: the Klumps ★★★★★ Comedy sequel starring Eddie Murphy and Janet Jackson **9.00** **FILM** Parenthood ★★★★★ Family comedy starring Steve Martin as an anxious father. **Review page 99** **11.30** Jimmy Carr: Laughing and Joking **1.20am** The Ricky Gervais Show **2.20** South Park **4.05** Beavis and Butt-Head **4.15-5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi


Miss Scarlet and the Duke 7.00pm

Eliza is shocked

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **10.00** Father Brown (AD) **2.00pm** Inspector George Gently (AD) **4.00** Frankie Drake Mysteries (AD)

6.00pm Death in Paradise 4/8 Series 4. A hen party on the island ends in tragedy when the bride-to-be is found dead in her bath the following morning. (AD)

7.00 Miss Scarlet and the Duke 5/6 Series 2. A mystery writer is at the centre of Eliza's investigation when a series of murders copy scenes from his books. (AD)

8.00 6/6. While Eliza and the Duke struggle around the edges of their relationship, private investigator Nash is shot just as Eliza agrees to work with him. (AD)

9.00 Father Brown 5/15 Series 3 When Kempleford's new cricket captain is framed for murder, the sleuthing priest must try and prove his innocence. (AD)

10.00 5/10 Series 8. Flambeau seeks Father Brown's help to get rid of an unwanted rival who keeps stealing valuable treasures from under his nose. (AD)

11.00 Death in Paradise 5/8 Series 4. A rock singer is electrocuted in a swimming pool while staying on the island. (AD)

12 midnight Annika (AD) **2.10-4.00am** We Hunt Together (AD)

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Bitchin' Rides: six editions **12 noon** Expedition Unknown: six back-to-back editions of the series **6.00pm** Gold Rush: White Water **7.00** Land Rush (AD) **8.00 New.** Mark Robert's Revengeries: double bill. The team deploys a fake drive-through menu, then Mark and the team target rude theatregoers who use their phones (AD)

9.00 Serial Killer Tiger at Large: hunters head out to find a man-eating tigers in northern India after ten people are found dead, including three who have been eaten (AD) **10.00** Wheeler Dealers: Mike finds an Alfa Romeo GTV with some fails, but he thinks Elvis can sort it (AD) **11.00** Bitchin' Rides: the guys must invent a new process

12 midnight Deadliest Catch (AD) **3.00am** Alaska: the Last Frontier (AD) **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Shed and Buried (AD) **9.00** Combat Dealers **12 noon** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **3.00pm** Combat Dealers: triple bill **6.00** Treasures of the Terracotta Army: newly found artefacts reveal the Terracotta Army soldiers' supernatural enemy **7.00** Lost Mummy of Imhotep: the burial site of the architect behind Egypt's Step Pyramid

8.00 Shed and Buried: four editions. Henry and Guy visit Worcestershire to see some classic motorbikes **8.30** Henry and Fuzz visit a former commercial pilot with two hangars' worth of items **9.00** Sheds full of tractors, classic cars and police bikes in Wiltshire **9.30** Visiting a collector of vintage cars in Durham

10.00 Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **12 midnight-5.00am** Combat Dealers **Discovery History** Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



The Beatles: Eight Days a Week Touring 9.00pm

6.00am Discovering: Buster Keaton (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Olivia de Havilland (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The Loneliest Whale: the Search for 52 **11.00** The Janes (AD) **1.00pm FILM** Next Goal Wins **1.30pm** The changing fortunes of a football team. **Review p79** (AD) (W) **3.00** Queen of Speed (AD) **5.00** Seve (AD)

7.00pm Lockerbie A Libyan double agent provides the evidence needed to bring the two suspects to court, but as the trial gets under way a key witness changes his story.

8.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator Documentary about young women who joined forces to bring down a predatory policeman who used a website to lure his victims.

9.00 The Beatles: Eight Days a Week – the Touring Years **★★★★** Music documentary from director Ron Howard that focuses on the Fab Four's years as a live band. (W)

11.10 Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown The career of the singer, musician and producer. (AD) **1.30am FILM** Undefeated **★★★★** Oscar-winning sports documentary (W) **3.40** My Icon: Johnny Nelson (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Wirecard: a Billion Euro Lie (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **9.00** Drain the Oceans: Deep Dive **10.00** World's Greatest Train Journeys from Above (AD) **11.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **3.00pm** Valley of the Mummies **4.00** King Tut in Colour **5.00** Egypt's Sun King: Secrets and Treasures **6.00 New.** Primal Survivor: Extreme African Safari **7.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **8.00** **TV CHOICE** **New series.** Lost Cities of the Bible: new discoveries about the Sumerian civilisation. **See page 53** **9.00** Drain the Oceans: the identities and final moments of those trapped during Mount Vesuvius's eruption (AD) **10.00** D-Day Revealed: Drain the Oceans: the wreckage of ships sunk on D-Day (AD) **11.00** Vikings: the Rise and Fall (AD) **2.00am** Food Factory USA **2.55–5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 **+1** Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am UFO Town **6.55** Brad Meltzer's Decoded **8.40** The Proof Is Out There **10.00** Pawn Stars **12.45pm** Storage Wars Canada **3.05** The History of WWII **5.00** Instruments of Death **7.00** Colosseum: double bill. Ignatius refuses to pledge his allegiance to the emperor, then Galen of Pergamon makes a name for himself as a physician for gladiators in the arena **9.00** The Real Hunt for Red October: two-part documentary lifting the lid on the secret events surrounding the Soviet submarine *Red October*, which went missing in 1968 **11.00** Storage Wars Canada: double bill **1.30** Instruments of Death: double bill **3.30** Nature Gone Wild **4.00–6.00am** The History of WWII

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 **+1** Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Whale with Steve Backshall 9.00pm Hunting strategies

6.00am Extreme Africa **9.00** Big Beasts: Last of the Giants **12 noon** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **4.00pm** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **5.00 New.** Monkey Life: double bill **6.00pm** Wild Crusades A team of wildlife filmmakers explore the forests of Yala National Park as they investigate the sloth bear. **7.00** A sick elephant calf found abandoned appears to be a victim of the battle for space between humans and elephants.

8.00 The Forgotten Forests of Malaysia The wildlife of the ancient rainforests, where a baby proboscis monkey takes its first steps and a cascade of translucent spiderlings hatches.

9.00 New. Whale with Steve Backshall Steve explores the ingenious hunting strategies of whales and dolphins, looking at how they use sound, skill and teamwork. **See page 53.**

10.00 In for the Kill Footage of one of the most dramatic moments in nature – a predator claiming its prey. (AD)

11.00 Monkey Life Double bill following daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset.

12 midnight Mysteries of the Mekong: five back-to-back editions **5.00–6.00am** In for the Kill (AD)

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Underground Worlds (AD) **11.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **4.00pm** Underground Worlds (AD) **6.00** Abandoned Engineering: five editions. A devastated cliff-top ruin and an extraordinarily tall tower **7.00** Hidden tunnels that saw a city prosper, and a mysterious Cold War building **8.00** A village ruin that is now pitted and scarred, and a ghostly fleet of ships **9.00** Featuring an eerie, empty country village which hides a sad secret **10.00** A towering structure with an explosive past, and a mysterious top-secret facility (AD) **11.00** Underground Worlds: exploring the extensive air-raid tunnels hidden beneath Ramsgate (AD) **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 **+1** Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** How Do Animals Do That? **10.00** My Cat from Hell **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** Meet the Orangutans **3.00** Meet the Penguins **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees: Tia hopes new arrival Richard will prove to be an asset **8.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters: three celebrities recount their craziest animal encounter **9.00** Crikey! It's the Irwins **10.00** Alaska Monsters: searching for a gigantic bear-like creature **11.00** Wild Australia **12 midnight** Wild Mexico **1.00am** Alaska Monsters **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 **+1** Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News **8.00 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers. **11.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football** Kilmarnock v Celtic from Rugby Park (kick-off 12.00). **2.00pm LIVE Premier League Football** Luton Town v Manchester City at Kenilworth Road (ko 2.00); **4.00** Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United (kick-off 4.30). **7.30 LIVE Women's Super League Football** Tottenham Hotspur v Man Utd, second half. **9.00 LIVE Boxing** Chris Billam Smith v Mateusz Masternak. **10.00 LIVE NFL** Week 14 action; **12.30am** Miami Dolphins v Tennessee Titans (kick-off 1.15). **4.30–6.00am** Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am League One and Two Goals **6.30** Championship Highlights **8.00** League One and Two Goals **8.30** Championship Highlights **10.00** League One and Two Goals **10.30** Women's Super League Football **11.00 LIVE Scottish Premiership Football** Kilmarnock v Celtic from Rugby Park (kick-off 12.00). **2.30pm LIVE German Football** VfB Stuttgart v Bayer Leverkusen; **4.30** FC Cologne v FSV Mainz 05. **6.30 LIVE Women's Super League Football** Tottenham Hotspur v Man Utd (kick-off 6.45). **9.30** Women's Super League Football **10.00** Scottish Premiership Highlights **10.15** Championship Highlights **10.30** Dark Horses: Italy's World Cup Triumph **11.30** Women's Super League Football **12 midnight** Scottish Premiership Football **2.00am** EFL Trophy **2.30** EFL Rivalries **3.00** League Cup Retro **5.45–6.00am** Greatest Games (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am European Tour **6.30** Greatest Holes (AD) **7.00** European Tour **8.30** Greatest Holes **9.00** European Tour **9.30 LIVE European Tour Golf** Day four of the Alfred Dunhill Championship in South Africa. **2.30pm** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **3.30** The Halfway House **3.55** PGA Tour Origins **4.15** Revealed **4.30** Tee Time Tips **5.00** European Tour Golf **6.00 LIVE Golf** Day three of the Grant Thornton Invitational. **9.00** World Champions Cup **12.30am** European Tour **1.30** US Open Official Films (AD) **2.30** European Tour **3.30** Greatest Holes (AD) **4.00** European Tour **5.00–6.00am** Playing Lessons

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449

1.45–4.00pm LIVE International Netball England v South Africa. **6.00–1.00am LIVE NFL Redzone** Live scores and action.

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Cycling **6.15** Alpine Skiing **8.15 LIVE Alpine Skiing** World Cup, the men's slalom, first run; **9.30** Women's super-G; **11.30** Men's slalom, second run. **12.30pm** Triathlon: from China **1.00 LIVE Biathlon** World Cup. **2.45 LIVE Ski Jumping** World Cup men's HS140 at Klingenthal. **4.45** Alpine Skiing **5.00** Hall of Fame **6.00** Snooker **8.00** Alpine Skiing **10.00** Snooker **12 midnight** Cyclo-Cross **2.00am** Snooker **4.00–6.00am** Alpine Skiing



Champions Cup Rugby Union 3.00pm TNT Sports 1 La Rochelle winger Jack Nowell

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Highlights **10.00** Sky Sports News **1.00pm LIVE Premier League Football** Luton Town v Manchester City at Kenilworth Road (ko 2.00); **4.00** Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United (kick-off 4.30). **7.30 LIVE Women's Super League Football** Tottenham Hotspur v Man Utd, second half. **9.30** Premier League Highlights **3.00–6.00am** Classic Premier League

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am World T20 **6.30** Big Bash **7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Renegades v Scorchers. **11.45** Big Bash League **12.45pm** World T20 (AD) **1.15** Big Bash (AD) **1.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket** South Africa v India. **6.00** Big Bash League Cricket **10.00** Into the Light **11.00** Best of the World T20 **11.30** Best of the Big Bash (AD) **12 midnight** International T20 Cricket **4.30–6.00am** Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL **2.00pm** Gameday **5.00 LIVE NFL** Coverage of a week 14 game (kick-off 6.00); **9.15** The night's second game; **12.30am** Miami Dolphins v Tennessee Titans (kick-off 1.15). **4.30–6.00am** NFL Bitesize

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am Pool **10.30** Boxing **11.30** Super League **1.30pm** Rugby League **1.45 LIVE International Netball** England v South Africa from Nottingham (centre-pass 2.15). **4.00** Boxing: action and previews **6.00 LIVE Boxing** Chris Billam Smith v Mateusz Masternak. **10.00** Boxing **11.00** Netball **1.15am** Super League **2.45** Netball **5.00–6.00am** The Gloves Are Off

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Sailing **8.05** Winter Sport **9.05 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing** World Cup, women's 10km freestyle. **10.30 LIVE Biathlon** World Cup. **11.50 LIVE Cross-Country Skiing** Men's 10km freestyle. **1.15pm** Triathlon **1.45** Alpine Skiing **2.00 LIVE Cyclo-Cross** World Cup, men's race from Sole Valley. **3.15** Cyclo-Cross **4.15** Cycling **5.00** Alpine Skiing **7.00** Cyclo-Cross **9.00** Alpine Skiing **12 midnight** Cyclo-Cross **2.00am** Speedway **3.00** Premiership **4.00–6.00am** Snooker

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

7.00am Premier League Football **8.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **9.00** Wrestling: WWE (AD) **11.00** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **11.30** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket: final **12.30pm LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union** Sale Sharks v Stade Français in Pool 4 (kick-off 1.00); **3.00** La Rochelle v Leinster, a Pool 4 match (kick-off 3.15); **5.15** Racing 92 v Harlequins, a Pool 2 match (kick-off 5.30). **7.45** Champions Cup Rugby Union **8.45** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **9.00** Wrestling: WWE action (AD) **10.00 LIVE Pro League Hockey** Netherlands v Great Britain, the women's match in Santiago del Estero (push-back 10.00). **12 midnight** TNT Sports Reload **12.30am LIVE Pro League Hockey** Netherlands v Great Britain, the men's match from Argentina (push-back 12.30). **2.30** Europa League Magazine **3.30** Champions League Football (AD) **4.30** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **4.45–5.45am** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am LIVE Australian Football Western Sydney Wanderers v Melbourne Victory, men's A-League (kick-off 6.00). **8.00** NBA **8.30** Italian Football **11.30 LIVE Italian Football** Frosinone v Torino (kick-off 11.30). **1.30pm** TNT Sports Cricket Reload **1.45** International One-Day Cricket **2.45 LIVE Champions Cup Rugby Union** Leicester Tigers v Stormers in Pool 4 (kick-off 3.15). **5.15** Wrestling **6.45** Reload (AD) **7.00** Stand up Kickabout **7.30 LIVE Italian Football** AS Roma v Fiorentina (kick-off 7.45). **9.45** Premiership Rugby Union **10.45** UFC **5.15am** Premier League Legends (AD) **5.45–6.00am** Champions League Football (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

7.00am Rugby Union **9.00** Fishing (AD) **10.00** French Football **12 noon LIVE French Football** Nice v Reims (kick-off 12.00). **2.00pm LIVE Italian Football** Monza v Genoa (kick-off 2.00). **4.00** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket **5.00 LIVE Italian Football** Salernitana v Bologna (ko 5.00). **7.00** Champions League Football **7.30 LIVE French Football** Lorient v Marseille (kick-off 7.45). **9.45** Australian Football **11.45** French Football **3.45am** What I Wore (AD) **4.00–6.00am** Australian Football

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

5.45am LIVE International T20 Cricket Pakistan v Bangladesh, a match in the Deaf World Cup. **1.45pm LIVE French Football** Clermont Foot v Lille (ko 2.00); **4.00** Lyon v Toulouse (ko 4.05). **6.00** NBA **7.30** Hockey **9.30** NBA **10.00** Wrestling **11.45** NBA **1.15am** International T20 Cricket **2.15** Fishing **3.15** Squash **4.15** Basketball **5.15** Badminton **5.45–6.00am** Wrestling

Viaplay Sports

2.45–5.25pm LIVE Challenge Cup Rugby Union Newcastle Falcons v Montpellier (ko 3.15). **7.30–11.30 LIVE Spanish Football** Barcelona v Girona, a La Liga match (kick-off 8.00).

Monday

INNOVATIVE

Dance performance
Free Your Mind, at
Manchester's Aviva
Studios. Inset top:
Factory Records' sleeve
designer Peter Saville
with presenter Alan
Yentob; and (below)
Joy Division, 1980



ARTS

Imagine... The Factory: Made in Manchester

10.40pm **BBC1** (11.10pm in Northern Ireland) Catch up via iPlayer

In a refreshing change from recent profiles, Alan Yentob heads to Manchester for the opening of Factory International, one of the UK's biggest cultural projects of recent times, at the city's vast Aviva Studios. Factory International invokes both the city's industrial heritage and the musical powerhouse of the 1980s that spawned Joy Division, New Order, Happy Mondays and the Hacienda. The opening production will be *Free Your Mind*, a dance performance inspired by 1999's prophetic film *The Matrix* and created by a diverse team directed by Danny Boyle.

The documentary touches upon architecture, art, music, history and performance, as well as the importance of inclusivity in a city built to a considerable extent on the profits of slavery and colonialism. Yentob also talks to a wide array of interested parties and assesses the impact of broken promises regarding Northern Powerhouses and levelling up. The wider point about the importance of arts and culture – especially during times of financial crisis – is unassailably made by footage from the thrillingly inventive *Free Your Mind* itself. **GABRIEL TATE**

BOOKS

Between the Covers

7.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

LAST IN SERIES Geri Halliwell-Horner, formerly Ginger Spice of the Spice Girls, is one of tonight's celebrity readers, joined by Miles Jupp, Bill Paterson and Ellie Taylor. One of them won an edition of *Celebrity Mastermind* with Geri as their specialist subject and another had a role in 1997 film *Spice World*. But I'll let you work out who, and which of them has a Ginger-free CV.

What I will reveal about Paterson, though, is that he does have a link to a beloved children's writer, having received a handwritten postcard from Enid Blyton back in 1952. He's brought it along to show the group as it's obviously a treasured possession. Next stop *Antiques Roadshow*, surely? **DAVID BROWN**

FOOD

Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts

8.00pm **C4**
Catch up via C4 streaming

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without... no, not brussels sprouts, not carols, not gifts, but Jamie Oliver's tips to make the catering stress-free. The show is as traditionally festive as a mince pie.

He starts with the best way to roast your turkey: this includes "planked-up" veg (if I heard correctly) for the gravy. He also stresses the importance of resting the bird – for an hour and a half. My family would be eating the curtains by then.

Also on the menu is an incredible-looking, creamy, leek-filled squash, a perfect cheesecake and suggestions for pimping-up your vegetables. Yum.

JANE RACKHAM

SOAP

EastEnders: the Six – Revealed

8.00pm **BBC3** Catch up via iPlayer

In a crowded market, soaps must now fight extra hard to see their storylines gain traction. But thanks to smart plotting, a steady drip-feeding of clues and an imaginatively camp ad campaign, the mystery of the *EastEnders* Six has become a proper TV talking point. But which of these Walford women is guilty? And who has been killed?

Don't expect either question to be answered in this behind-the-scenes special, but there may be fresh teasers. My own suspicion is that a seventh name could be added to the list at some point – Sam perhaps or maybe Cindy? After all, you don't invite such recognisable faces back to the Square and not have them be part of the fiendish fun, right? **DB**

DRAMA

Vigil

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

A decent sequel must be both different and familiar – and, so far, series two of *Vigil* feels well balanced. Anyone with claustrophobia can breathe easy as there's no sense of being trapped in a confined space. In fact, this episode goes out of its way to be expansive. But there's still that essential opposition when it comes to the police and the military, as well as a physical distance being put between Amy and Kirsten.

The former is seen tonight being told to avoid a diplomatic incident as she flies to the potentially dangerous Wudyan in the Middle East. It's a location made up by the writers – presumably because the BBC would also like to steer clear of jeopardising foreign relations. More tomorrow at 9pm. **DB**

ALSO ON TODAY

Mastermind

7.30pm **BBC2**
Give your brain cells their weekly workout, followed by *Only Connect* (8pm) and *University Challenge* (8.30pm).

Winter on the Farm

8.00pm **Channel 5**
Helen Skelton and Jules Hudson (right) host four live shows this week from Cannon Hall Farm in Yorkshire.



MR James: The Stalls of Barchester

8.35pm **Talking Pictures TV**
A classic ghost story, as a cleric arranges the death of an archdeacon. Robert Hardy stars.

HISTORY

Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

LAST IN SERIES You could happily treat this series as a kind of podcast-with-bells-on. The visuals are sickly done, but if you were doing a jigsaw and only paying attention to the sound, you'd get 90 per cent of the value because it's the contributors and their insights that make it.

One tonight points out the seductive appeal of a strong leader when a political system isn't delivering for its citizens. That's Rome in 46 BC as Julius Caesar, victorious in the Civil War, starts to undermine centuries of democracy by installing himself as dictator. Resentment grows. Brutus and Cassius hatch a plan. **DAVID BUTCHER**

TRAVEL

Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad

9pm **More4** C4 streaming
For this first of two specials, Matt Baker takes his folks on a Christmas trip to the Lake District – a place they haven't visited for years but which is full of fond memories. They blow their own cut-glass baubles, try festive felting using Herdwick wool and help decorate William Wordsworth's home at Dove Cottage.

Mum Janice fulfils a lifelong ambition by visiting Beatrix Potter's hilltop home. Dad Mike gets his own early present at the Ruskin Museum: a display dedicated to his hero, speed record-breaker Donald Campbell. Finally, they head out onto Coniston Water on a steam gondola for a feast of home-made mince pies and mulled wine. A merry jaunt. **MICHAEL HOGAN**

DOCUMENTARY

Seeds of Deceit: the Sperm Donor Doctor

10.00pm **BBC4**
Catch up via iPlayer

LAST IN SERIES Episode three opens on the gravestone of Dutch fertility doctor Jan Karbaat, which, weirdly, is in the shape of a loveheart. This series has charted how he secretly used his own sperm to impregnate women hoping to conceive. Dozens of offspring resulted.

But Karbaat wasn't the only one with a God complex. A donor only named here as Louis recalls donating several times a week at multiple Dutch clinics in the 1980s and 90s. His offspring may now outnumber Karbaat's and his ego is impervious: "You should see me as a Pharaoh building a pyramid." **DBu**

LIVE SPORT



Snooker: Scottish Open

1pm **Eurosport 1**
Day one from Edinburgh. Gary Wilson is the defending champion.

Football: League One

Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers
7.30pm (k/o 8pm)
Sky Main Event/Football
A key game at Fratton Park for two clubs who are both pushing to return to the Championship.

Cricket: Women's ODI Series

New Zealand v Pakistan
9.30pm **TNT Sports 2**
First of three, from Queenstown, Otago, in South Island.

FILM OF THE DAY



The Death of Stalin

★★★★ **15** 11.15pm **BBC2**
This hilarious historical farce from *The Thick of It* creator Armando Iannucci finds the Kremlin in chaos after the sudden demise of its tyrannical figurehead. Molotov (Michael Palin) is among the clownish apparatchiks jostling to fill the power vacuum. (2017)

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DARING TO BARE
Sherrie Hewson is one of the celebrities getting naked for a very good cause

DOCUMENTARY

The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

9.00pm **ITV1**
Catch up via ITVX

You can leave your hat on... but you're going to have to get the rest of your kit off if you're a celebrity taking part in this stripping spectacular aimed at raising awareness of cancer.

Among those, ahem, exposing themselves to ridicule and the scrutiny of a live theatre audience are Pete Wicks, Ben Cohen, Julie Bradbury, Paul Burrell, Gemma Collins and Sherrie Hewson. All have been touched by cancer, either themselves or through their family. Some of their stories are devastating.

There's a lot of shrieking and joking about being seen naked in public, flashing at the wrong moment, or spoiling the "big reveal". However, there are some emotional discussions, too, because underneath the frivolity and gold thongs is a serious message.

The wraps come off tomorrow. **JR**

MONDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show presented by Gethin Jones and Helen Skelton. (S) (HD)
10.00 For Love or Money A look at romance scams, featuring the story of a woman who had to sell her home after being scammed twice. (R) (S) (HD)
10.45 Frontline Fightback A couple catch three men attempting to steal a catalytic converter. (R) (S) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Dover, Warwickshire and Burnley. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Natasha Raskin Sharp hosts from a huge toy fair at Sandown Park racecourse. (S) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Rob worries that an elderly woman is being scammed by her grandson. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 The Bidding Room Items include enamel signs, a stone cannon and a Clarice Cliff mask. (R) (S) (HD)
3.00 Escape to the Country Denise Nurse helps a couple look for a home in the Scottish Borders. (S) (HD)
3.45 Antiques Road Trip Catherine Southon and Phil Serrell take their first road trip together in seven years, this time to the West Country. Rptd Tue 6.20am BBC2 (S) (HD)
4.30–5.15 Make It at Market A potter from London and a textile enthusiast from Nottingham seek help from mentors. Repeated tomorrow 7.05am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Ishy Khan and Natasha Raskin Sharp visit Heanor. Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.15 Make It at Market Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00–9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Villages by the Sea 7/10 Series 4. Seaton Sluice. Ben Robinson visits a Northumberland village that was home to a family of Georgian bottle-makers.
8.30 8/10. Porthgain. The archaeologist unearths the past of a Pembrokeshire village built for its industry. (R) (S) (HD)
9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast on Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)
10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics Live Stories from Westminster. (S) (HD)
1.00 Catchpoint Matt Edmondson and Mollie King take on Dr Ranj Singh and Greg Rutherford. (R) (S) (HD)
1.30 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Guest Dominic Littlewood samples turkey with a colourful roast butternut squash and feta salad. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 Primates Attempts to safeguard the future of chimpanzees in the Ugandan jungle. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00–5.00 The Real Marigold Hotel Eight famous faces sample life in Puducherry, India. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Fashion and showbiz news. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, cookery and celebrity interviews. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Daily discussion. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal The dealers arrive in Newark in Nottinghamshire, where Henry Nicholls splashes out on a portrait. Signed rpt 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00–4.00 Lingo Adil Ray presents as duos from Newcastle, Birmingham and Nottingham bid to have the last word. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.15am Countdown With guest Bob Harris. (R) (S) (HD)
6.55 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
8.10 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Château DIY at Christmas Sarah and George organise a concert. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05pm News** (S) (HD)
12.10 Amazing Spaces: George's Icelandic Adventure A room inspired by a Christmas bauble. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.10 Jamie's Italian Christmas The chef makes a traditional festive feast with an Italian twist. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown Marcus Brigstocke guests. (S) (HD)
3.00–5.00 A Place in the Sun A woman searches for a permanent home near Alicante for £170,000.
4.00 Craig Rowe helps a photographer look for a holiday home on Barbados for £160,000. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

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Vigil 9.00pm

The case takes a turn when Amy (Suranne Jones) visits the air base in the Middle East



5.15pm Pointless

Quiz with Alexander Armstrong and Richard Osman. Director Richard van't Riet; Series producer Laura Turner (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Jermaine Jenas and Alex Jones. (S) (HD)

7.30 EastEnders

Dean receives an unexpected visitor from his past. *EastEnders: the Six – Revealed* is at 8pm on BBC3. Writer Natalie Mitchell Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Panorama

In-depth current affairs documentary covering another major story behind the headlines. (S) (HD)

8.30 Garden Rescue

Charlie Dimmock and Chris Hull come up with plans to turn a patch of concrete in Bristol into a retreat suitable for yoga for a couple and their two dogs. Director Steve Peet; Series producer Vic Procter (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Vigil

RT 2/6 Series 2. After Amy and Kirsten battle for their lives, the case takes a turn. Amy follows a lead to the Middle East, where she discovers someone on the air base was complicit in the attack. Meanwhile, in Scotland, Kirsten hunts down Chapman's killer and is determined not to let her pregnancy get in the way. Continues tomorrow 9pm. Series 1 and the first three episodes of series 2 are on iPlayer. **See p62.**

Eliza Russell	Romola Garai	Arlene Royce	Naomi Storratt
Poppy	Orla Russell	Faisal Ghazali	Malek Alkoni
Sabiha Chapman	Hiba Medina	Airman Field	Ben Allen
Anthony Chapman	Alastair Mackenzie	Nader Waheed	Armin Karima
PC Compton	Jordan Young	Laura	Keira Lucchesi
Daniel Ramsay	Amir El-Masry	Abdullah Ghazali	Khalid Laith
Emma Millington	Tania Rodrigues	Mutaz	Kamal Mustaffai
Sir Ian Downing	Dominic Mafham	Wudiyani airport officer	Nowras Tharb

Writer Tom Edge More cast Sunday
Signed repeat Wednesday 2.40am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.40 Imagine...

RT The Factory: Made in Manchester. Alan Yentob visits Manchester's new cultural venue Aviva Studios and goes behind the scenes at the world premiere of its opening production, *Free Your Mind*, an immersive dance performance directed by Danny Boyle. Alan hears from local performers, artists, city leaders and students about how this is the culmination of decades of cultural regeneration which began when Factory Records and the Hacienda nightclub put the city on the musical map in the 1980s and 90s. **See p62.** Director/Producer Catherine Abbott (S) (HD)

11.50 Spike Island ★★

Music drama. Five friends and wannabe rock stars from Manchester hatch a plan to deliver a demo tape to the Stone Roses when they perform on Spike Island in 1990. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p69.**

Tits	Elliott Tittensor	Little Gaz	Adam Long
Sally	Emilia Clarke	Penfold	Oliver Heald
Dodge	Nico Mirallegro	Uncle Hairy	Chris Coghill
Zippy	Jordan Murphy	Ibiza Ste	Matthew McNulty

Director Mat Whitecross (2012, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.30am Such Brave Girls 5/6. Such Friendly Girls

Deb, Billie and Josie find their own ways to process death. **2.00 6/6. Such Daddy's Girls.** Josie and Billie prepare to see their dad again. The whole series is on iPlayer.

Josie	Kat Sadler	Chloe	Abigail Weinstock
Deb	Louise Brealey	Seb	Freddie Meredith
Billie	Lizzie Davidson	Bianca	Carla Woodcock
Dev	Paul Bazely	Nicky	Sam Buchanan

Both episodes shown last Wednesday on BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

2.25 Weather for the Week Ahead

2.30–6.00am BBC News

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BBC2

2

Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 9.00pm

Pride comes before a fall: the autocrat seems unassailable



5.00pm Flog It!

Thomas Plant and Claire Rawle find interesting items to value at Ashridge House in Hertfordshire. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

Clare Balding, Ivo Graham, Ugo Monye and Su Pollard are tested on their general knowledge. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Fleur East starts the countdown to the final by talking to the couple eliminated in the semi-final. (S) (HD)

7.00 Between the Covers

RT 6/6 Series 7. Sara Cox is joined by Geri Halliwell-Horner, Bill Paterson, Ellie Taylor and Miles Jupp, who discuss their favourite books and review Eleni Kyriacou's new novel, *The Unspeakable Acts of Zina Pavlou*, and *Redhead by the Side of the Road* by Anne Tyler, published in 2020. **See page 62.**

Director Tim van Someren; Producer Scott Jenkins (S) (HD)

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7.30 Mastermind

Specialist subjects tonight are painter Bridget Riley, the Winter Olympics 2002–22, the sitcoms of Peter Kay and the history of St Albans. Clive Myrie hosts. Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Chris Jones, Kate Middleditch, David Young and Jimmy Mulville (S) (HD)

8.00 Only Connect

Victoria Coren Mitchell hosts as the Thrifters take on the Stitches for a place in the quarter-finals.

Director Siân G Lloyd; Producer Nick Martin (S) (HD)

8.30 University Challenge

Amol Rajan asks the questions as the second round of the student quiz continues, with the University of York taking on Birkbeck, University of London.

Director Martin Lord; Producer Clare Parody (S) (HD)

9.00 Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator

RT 3/3. Ides of March. As Caesar takes control of Rome and consolidates his grip over the Republic, he awards himself ever-greater powers. Appointed dictator for one year to restore peace, he extends this to ten years – then expands it to dictator for life. Caesar has seemingly become untouchable. But a handful of senators plot to end his rule in the only way they can – by taking his life. Narrated by Janet McTeer. The whole series is on iPlayer. **See page 63.**

Director Richard Pearson; Producer Helena Hunt
Repeated Thursday 12 midnight (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Cunk on Earth

Series 1. War(s) of the World(s)? Philomena concludes her history of humanity, starting with the end of the Second World War, through the Cold War and the Space Race, up to present day. The whole series is on iPlayer. Director Christian Watt; Series producer Sam Ward (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight

With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather

(S) (HD)

11.15 The Death of Stalin ★★

Historical satire starring Steve Buscemi and Simon Russell Beale. In the aftermath of Joseph Stalin's death in 1953, his cabinet jockey for position in the hope of becoming the next Soviet leader. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Film of the Day: page 69.**

Director Armando Iannucci (2017, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

12.55–3.35am Sign Zone 12.55 Countryfile Ellie Harrison and Anita Rani visit Poole Harbour. Shown Sun 6.35am (S) (HD)

1.50 Garden Rescue The team helps Denise and John create a wheelchair-friendly Italianate garden. (R) (S) (HD)

2.35 MasterChef: the Professionals The chefs embark on a challenge in Denmark. Shown last Thursday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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ITV1

3

The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls 9.00pm
Can Ashley and Coleen help the stars pull it off?



4.00pm Deal or No Deal
Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain anything from 1p to £100,000, but will they be tempted by a lucrative offer from the Banker?
Director Ollie Bartlett; Executive producers Tamara Gilder, Cat Lawson and David Hall Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase
Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Nicola, Phil, Liz and Alex attempt to outrun one of the formidable Chasers and walk away with a prize pot potentially worth thousands of pounds.
Executive producers Martin Scott, Michael Kelpie and Helen Tumbidge (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale
Caleb and Tracy begin to see themselves as kindred spirits. Jimmy finds himself turned on by Nicola's lust for power. Pollard is shocked when he experiences an unexpected tremor.
Writer Karin Young Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street
Daniel suggests to Daisy that they put in a bid for the Rovers. Evelyn fails to keep her theft of Terry's dog under wraps. Audrey offers Jenny her choice of Stephen's belongings, while Stu uncovers some juicy information about Dom.

Daniel Osbourne	Rob Mallow	Rita Tanner	Barbara Knox
Daisy Midgeley	Charlotte Jordan	Nick Tilsley	Ben Price
Evelyn Plummer	Maureen Lipman	Ken Barlow	William Roache
Terry Fensley	James Foster	Ruby Dobbs	Billie Naylor
Audrey Roberts	Sue Nicholls	Cassie Plummer	Claire Sweeney
Stu Carpenter	Bill Fellows	Craig Tinker	Colson Smith
Dom Everett	Darren Morfitt	Roy Cropper	David Neilson
Tyrone Dobbs	Alan Halsall	Crystal Hyde	Erin Austen

Writers Steven Fay and Carmel Morgan
More cast Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls
1/2. Coleen Nolan and Ashley Banjo return to lead a new line-up of fearless celebrities ready to bare all in a bid to get people talking about cancer and highlight the importance of checking your body. For some participants, the challenge has a personal significance. Victoria Ekanoye and Julia Bradbury are in remission from breast cancer, while Paul Burrell is living with prostate cancer and Ashley Cain suffered a dreadful family loss. Can they conquer their nerves? Continues tomorrow 9pm. **See p63.**
Repeated Thursday 10.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 ITV News
Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Central Intelligence ★★
Action comedy starring Dwayne Johnson. Life gets dangerous for bored accountant Calvin Joyner when he gets reacquainted with a former school classmate who is now working in international espionage. **Review page 69.**

Bob Stone/Robbie Weiridicht	Phil	Aaron Paul
Dwayne Johnson	Steve	Ryan Hansen
Calvin Joyner	Kevin Hart	Agent Stan Mitchell
Agent Pamela Harris	Amy Ryan	Agent Nick Cooper
Maggie	Danielle Nicolet	Timothy John Smith
Trevor	Jason Bateman	Young Robbie
Director Rawson Marshall Thurber (2016, 12) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)		Sione Kelepi

1.00am Home Shopping (HD)
3.00 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)
3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)
5.05-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers head for Newark. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts 8.00pm
Handy tips on how to cook perfect roast potatoes



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
Kirstie Allsopp makes some striking baubles.
Series producers Laura Knox and Laura McKay
Executive producer Jo Scott (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed
The first venue is in Hebden Bridge, Yorkshire.
Director/Producer Gary Hayward (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons
The Last Temptation of Homer. Can Homer resist temptation while on a business trip? (R) (S) (AD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts
1/2. Focusing on quick and easy recipes, Jamie Oliver shares tips that save time and money while still delivering a sensational spread. He kicks things off with recipes for a spectacular Christmas Day feast, from a foolproof guide to the ultimate roast turkey to a showstopping vegetarian centrepiece. Jamie also has advice on how to get perfectly crunchy roast potatoes, and how to save on oven space without skimping on flavour. Both episodes will be available to stream after this broadcast. **See page 62.**
Series director Niall Downing; Series producer Sarah Myland
Rptd Wednesday 8pm 4seven and Friday 7pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Grand Designs
Kevin McCloud meets Mike and Sarah, who decided to buy a remote smallholding in Derbyshire. After 26 failed planning applications, the couple were finally granted permission to build a 21st-century version of a historic longhouse – but the build was never going to be easy.
Director Edward Sunderland; Executive producers John Lonsdale and John Comerford (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 24 Hours in Police Custody
Documentary series following the work of Bedfordshire Police, from the cells at Luton to the operational heart of major investigations.
Shown Sunday 9pm (S) (HD)

11.05 Car Boot Kings
Best friends JT and Andrew pull in up to 9,000 traders and buyers to their weekly car boot sales in the West Midlands. For some people they mean more than just a few extra pounds; they can be a lifeline. Part of the *First Cut* strand of documentaries by first-time film-makers.
Exec producers Simon Greenwood and Siân Price (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Presumed Guilty Channel 4 premieres just the first episode of this French drama from Walter Presents, with the whole six-part series available to stream from Friday 8 December. A woman investigates the 25-year-old murder of a stranger who bears an uncanny resemblance to her. French +subtitles. (HD)

Lola Brémont	Garance Thénault	Inès Leroux	Eloïdie Frenck
Capitaine Clément	Neuville	Michel Jourdan	
Pierre-Yves Bon	Vincent Winterhalter		
Georges Battaglia	Jérôme Anger	Gaëlle Jourdan	Aurélien Vaneck
Eric Battaglia	Alexis Loret	Nicolas Leroux	Xavier Lemaître

1.05 Drive My Car Drama. A troubled theatre director is assigned as a chauffeur and they gradually develop a friendship. Available to stream for 30 days. Japanese, Korean, Tagalog, Mandarin, Indonesian, English, Korean Sign Language +subtitles. **Review p69.**
Yusuke Kafuku Hidetoshi Nishijima Koji Takatsuki Masaki Okada
Misaki Watari Toko Miura Lee Yoon-a Park Yurim
Oto Kafuku Reika Kirishima Kon Yoon-su Jin Daeyeon
Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi (2021, 15) (W) (HD)

4.00 How Safe is Your Turkey? *Dispatches* looks at food safety fears at a turkey producer. Shown last Fri (S) (AD) (HD)
4.30 Couples Come Dine with Me In Bromley. (R) (S) (HD)
5.20-6.15am Christmas at Chatsworth House Welcoming visitors for the festive season. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

According to Beryl: Arena 10.45pm
Beryl Bainbridge looks at the life of Samuel Johnson



7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys
Witham to Felixstowe. Michael Portillo's railway journey from Canterbury to Skegness reaches Witham in Essex. More tomorrow 7pm.
Director Titus Ogilvy; Executive producer John Comerford Repeated 12.50am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Walking with Monica Galetti

The chef walks through the dramatic landscapes of the North York Moors, taking in the village of Rosedale Abbey. More tomorrow 7.30pm.
Repeated 1.20am (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 An Art Lovers' Guide
3/3 *Series 2.* Baku. Janina Ramirez and Alastair Sooke explore the capital of Azerbaijan. Set on the Caspian Sea, Baku was part of the ancient silk trading route and is a rich artistic mix of ancient and modern, East and West.
Producer Tim Niel; Series producer Matthew Springford Repeated 1.50am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Art That Made Us
8/8. *Brilliant Isles.* Exploring how the generation of artists who recorded the shocks of global war gave way to an explosion of new voices after the 1960s, reinventing the arts and creating a richer, more diverse culture. The whole series is on iPlayer.
Series producer Melanie Fall; Exec producers Russell Barnes, Denys Blakeway and Michael Jackson
Signed rpt 2.50am First shown on BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Seeds of Deceit: the Sperm Donor Doctor

1/3. The documentary concludes by revealing how Dr Karbaat was highly unselective with his donors and unconcerned about genetic diseases. It also reveals how many more cases have been brought to light globally of doctors being sued for malpractice after inseminating patients with their own semen. The whole series is available on iPlayer. **See page 63.**
Director Miriam Guttman; Producers Michiel van Erp and Monique Busman (S) (HD)

10.45 According to Beryl: Arena
Documentary from 2001 in which writer Beryl Bainbridge traces the last 20 years in the life of Samuel Johnson, whose relationship with wealthy brewer Henry Thrale's wife Hester was used as the subject of one of her books.
Director Udayan Prasad
Executive producer Anthony Wall (R) (S)

11.45 Imagine...

Anselm Kiefer: Remembering the Future. Alan Yentob joins German artist Anselm Kiefer at his studios to talk frankly about his work. From 2014.

Director/Producer Jack Cocker
First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

12.50am Great British Railway Journeys Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.20 Walking with Monica Galetti Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD)

1.50 Baku: An Art Lovers' Guide Shown 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.50-3.50am Art That Made Us Shown 9pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC1 SCOTLAND

11.50pm Sportscene: SWPL Highlights: including action from Motherwell v Rangers and Celtic v Spartans
12.35am FILM: Spike Island **2.15** Such Brave Girls **2.45** Weather for the Week Ahead **2.50-6.00** BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

2.00pm Landward: signed **2.30** Loggerheads: signed **3.00-4.00** This Farming Life: signed **7.00** Sportscene: SWPL Highlights **7.45** Sportscene Goals+ **8.00** Who Lives in Scotland?: the country's declining birth rate **9.00** The Nine **10.00** River City **10.30** The Scotts **11.00** Selling Scotland **11.30-12 midnight** Raiders of the Lost Archive

STV

10.30pm ITV News; STV News and Weather **11.10** Scotland Tonight; ITV Weather **11.35 FILM:** Safe House: action thriller with Ryan Reynolds and Denzel Washington **1.30-3.00am** Night Vision **3.50-5.05** Night Vision

BBC1 WALES

8.00pm I'm Homeless: How Will Santa Find Me?: Elen Wyn reports on the homelessness crisis in Wales **8.30-9.00** Panorama

ITV1 WALES

11.15pm Sharp End: political discussion **12.15am** Face to Face: Adrian Masters talks to Nazir Afzal **12.45-1.00** Coast and Country

BBC1 NORTHERN IRELAND

7.00pm Hope Street: Siobhan raises the alarm when a vulnerable dementia patient goes missing **7.45** Suzie Lee: Home Cook Hero: Suzie demonstrates foolproof festive recipes **8.00** EastEnders **8.30-9.00** Panorama **10.40** The Blame Game: a wry look at what is making the news **11.10** The Factory: the story of Aviva Studios, Manchester's colossal new cultural venue **12.25am** Survivor: a mysterious item washes up on shore **1.25-1.30** The Chronicles of Belfast

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

10.00-10.30pm Éadaí SOS: Caoimhe Ní Chathail helps a flight attendant

Channel 5
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MONDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Winter on the Farm 8.00pm With Helen Skelton and Jules Hudson

6.00am Milkshake! See page 68

9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD)

12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 Mistletoe and Wine ★★ Romance.

P TV wine programme host Heather would love to make a festive episode from her Vermont home town, but local vineyard owner Rudy is not keen.

Director Ana Valine (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 My Favourite Christmas Melody ★★

P Romantic comedy. Singer/songwriter Abby returns to her home town, where she meets music teacher Travis and learns that the local school's arts funding is at risk.

Director Michael Kennedy (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 6/6 Series 1. In south Wales, Graeme Hall attempts to tame an 18-month-old Jack Russell pug cross called Dolly. (R) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Inside Hamleys at Christmas Set across seven floors in London's Regent Street, Hamleys is the world's oldest toy store. This programme reveals some of its hidden stories, including its role during the Second World War.

Directors Ben Algar and Simon Newton Shown last Tuesday (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 New series. Winter on the Farm 1/4 Series 3. Helen Skelton and Jules Hudson host a week of live shows from Cannon Hall Farm in South Yorkshire to follow the work of farmers Rob and Dave Nicholson. Tonight, *The Yorkshire Vet* star Rohin Aojula performs surgery on a reindeer, and *Our Yorkshire Farm's* Reuben Owen repairs a hay-baling machine. (S) (HD) Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts

Ep 8. Amna, 24, fell face first when she collapsed at work and paramedics are concerned about the extent of her head and spinal injuries. David, who is 53 and diabetic, woke up with a severely swollen throat and is struggling to breathe.

Directors John Nichols and Anna Evans (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 999: Critical Condition

A 17-year-old is rushed in by helicopter after sustaining a serious head injury in a mountain bike accident.

Directors Anna Keel, Beatrice Ni Bhroin and Ally Roberts (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 A&E after Dark

A man arrives in agony after falling off his bike and injuring his arm.

Directors Selina Lewis and Simon Bowyer (R) (S) (HD)

12.05am Traffic Cops (R) (S) (HD) **1.00 Live NFL:** Monday Night Football: Miami Dolphins v Tennessee Titans and New York Giants v Green Bay Packers (kick-offs 1.15) (S) (HD) **4.30 Friends** (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **4.55 Entertainment News** (S) (HD) **5.05 Wildlife SOS** (R) (S) (SL)

5.30-5.55am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

C5 Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105

+1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 305

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

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EastEnders: the Six - Revealed 8.00pm Albert Square's matriarchs

7.00pm Top Gear

Doctor Who actor David Tennant drives the Reasonably Fast Car. More tomorrow 7pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD) Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

8.00 New. EastEnders: the Six - Revealed

ITV Joe Swash speaks to the actresses behind Albert Square's most loved matriarchs about the upcoming Christmas Day "whodunnit" storyline. See page 62. Repeated tomorrow BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

1/6 Series 1. After flirting for months on the phone, Stacey travels from Wales to London to meet Gavin in person. More tomorrow 8pm. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. The Rap Game UK

6/6 Series 5. The winner is announced. Series 1 to 4 are on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Grime Kids

5/5. Bishop prepares to face down Donnie. Starring Juwon Adedokun and Delove Akra. The whole series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.55 People Just Do Nothing

3/5 Series 2. Chabuddy prepares to sell his counterfeit designer T-shirts. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.25 4/5.** Chabuddy prepares for his latest business venture. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 5/5. The opening of Chabuddy's club arrives. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.25am The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) **1.25**

Grime Kids (S) (HD) **2.25 Gavin & Stacey** (S)

(SL) (AD) (HD) **2.55-3.55am People Just Do Nothing:** double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00 Totally Bonkers** Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00 Secret Crush** (S) (HD) **11.00 Dress to Impress** (S) (HD)

12 noon I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Final Showdown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (HD) **1.45pm Supermarket Sweep** (S) (HD) **2.45**

Secret Crush (S) (HD) **3.45 Dress to Impress** (S) (HD) **4.50** I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Final Showdown yesterday 9pm ITV1 (S) (HD)

6.30pm In for a Penny Series 4. Stephen Mulhern sets unusual challenges to members of the public in Plymouth. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Family Fortunes Series 2. The Michaels go up against the McIntosh family. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 8. Teddy's family unexpectedly announce that they will be coming for Thanksgiving. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Linda hosts a party, but one of her prized ornaments is stolen. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Family Guy Series 21. Meg comes home from Russia after making a realisation.

9.30 New. Stewie and Doug face off to be their class's "snack captain" at school.

10.00 Series 3. The Griffins celebrate Christmas after Lois's holiday plans fall apart.

10.30 Series 18. Peter and Lois tell the kids about how they met and fell in love.

11.00 The Griffins recount their own versions of three famous love stories. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 2. Stan travels back in time to save Christmas. (S) (AD)

12 midnight Series 14. Stan buys the rights to a Broadway show. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Plebs (S) (AD) (HD) **1.30** The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD) **2.00 Unwind** (S) (HD) **3.00** Home Shopping **5.00 Unwind** (S) (HD) **5.10-6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115

+1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3

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Endeavour 8.00pm Sir Merlyn Chubb (David Yelland) becomes a suspect

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: David breaks bad news; **8.40** Simon is rushed to hospital (S) **9.15** Wild at Heart: 3/11 Series 7. Danny finds a potential lifeline for the family. Repeated 12.10am; **10.20 4/11** Caroline is furious at what she sees as Danny's betrayal. Repeated 1.15am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.20** Maigret: 5/6 Series 1. Maigret on Home Ground The detective returns to his home town (S) (AD)

12.35pm Heartbeat: 6/15. Resentments are stirred by a new face (S) (AD) **1.40** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Cain discovers Ethan still hasn't left the village, then Frank Bernard's arrival has the villagers in uproar (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Norris worries about Rita's state of mind, then Tracy has a shock revelation in store for Steve (S) (AD) **3.50** Midsomer Murders: Series 8 *Midsomer Rhapsody*. A music manuscript holds the key to a murder (S) (AD)

5.50pm Downton Abbey

6/7 Series 1. The question of who is stealing the wine is brought to a head. Continues tomorrow 5.25pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

7/15 Series 5. A woman with Alzheimer's disease inadvertently commits a series of crimes, while Gina becomes suspicious of two customers staying at the pub. (S) (AD)

8.00 Endeavour

3/4 Series 4. Lazaretto. When an informant undergoes emergency surgery at Cowley General, Morse is assigned to act as his bodyguard. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Grantchester

3/8 Series 6. Will and Georgie encounter local politics when Reeny McCarthur runs for her husband Derek's council seat after his tragic suicide. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 4/8. A group of young American airmen are arrested for trespassing, then one of them collapses and dies at the police station. With Robson Green. Continues tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Wild at Heart: Shown 9.15/10.20am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117

+1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

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6.00am Nine Dart Finishes (S) (HD) **6.05** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL)

8.10 The Champions (S) **9.20** Robin of Sherwood: Robin is bewitched (S) **10.30** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **11.25** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.30pm The Champions (S) **1.35** Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.40** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.45** The Sweeney (S) **4.50** Minder (S) (AD) **5.55** BattleBots: Mammoth v Uppercut (S) (HD)

6.55pm The Best of Saint and Greavie

A trip down football's memory lane. (S) (HD) **8.00 Junk and Disorderly** Henry and Sam try to break into the tractor market. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Passenger 57 ★★ Action adventure starring Wesley Snipes. A terrorist is flying to stand trial in Los Angeles when his accomplices hijack the plane. They are unaware one of the world's top airline security experts is also on board. Review p69. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 FILM Assault on Precinct 13 ★★ Action thriller starring Ethan Hawke. Sergeant Jake Roenick is overseeing the final shift at a Detroit police station when the precinct suddenly comes under attack. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00am New. Motorsport UK (S) (HD) **2.00** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **2.50-3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118

+1 Freesat 118 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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Miss Marple 8.00pm A cryptic letter intrigues the sleuth (Joan Hickson)

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Marc and Katrina come to blows, then Jude confides in Helen **9.20** Classic Holby City: Jac fails to support her daughter as she undergoes surgery. Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: one of Charlie's old flames makes an appearance **11.50** The Bill: Samantha receives a video of Abi (S)

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Den invites Andy around for a game of poker, then Gus and Julie get a surprise visitor

2.05 Pie in the Sky: 3/8 Series 5. Crabbe guards a sausage factory (S) **3.05** Bergerac: 8/9 Series 7. A former Scotland Yard detective visits the island **4.15** All Creatures Great and Small: 3/12 Series 6. The Call of the Wild. Calum has an article published

Shown 7.10am (S) **5.25** The Upper Hand: 4/14 Series 6. Caroline offers to buy Laura a flat

6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo!

5/6 Series 9. A Fishy Send-off. René and the others prepare for the parade. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 23. It All Began with an Old Volvo Headlamp. The trio offer words of wisdom to a broken-hearted man. (S)

7.20 Series 24. The Lair of the Cat Creature. A hang-gliding enthusiast crashes down in the village. (S)

8.00 Miss Marple

4/4 Series 2. Nemesis. The sleuth receives a letter from a dead acquaintance. (S) (AD)

10.00 New Tricks

3/8 Series 3. Old Dogs. The team looks into the killing of a number of dogs. (S) (AD)

11.20 Silent Witness

1/10 Series 24. Redemption 1/2. While investigating a suspicious death in a prison, Nikki focuses her attention on the victim's cellmate. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40am The Paradise: 1/8 Series 1. Period drama starring Sarah Lancashire. A young woman starts work at a department store and falls in love with its owner (HD) **2.55-4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

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7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney & Dave (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) **12.25pm** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD)

1.20 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05 New.** The Real Housewives of Dubai: double bill (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM Reporting for Christmas

★★ Romantic drama starring Tamara Feldman and Matt Trudeau. Journalist Mary is assigned to cover a toy workshop, which leads her to handsome trinket maker Blake. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Dinner Date Jake from London selects three blind dates from five menus. (S) (HD)

9.00 Botched A fitness enthusiast asks Paul Nassif to fix her nose. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk presents the Australian version of the hit relationship-based reality show. (S) (HD)

11.10 The Cabins Two new daters hope their similarities will turn into romance, while a raucous party is kicking off. (S) (HD)

12.10am The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

12.55-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 +1 Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



More4

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Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad 9.00pm The Lake District

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now?: a couple living in Mallorca **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It! **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD)

6.55pm Escape to the Château It's Dick's birthday and Angel has arranged a romantic balloon trip over the château. (AD)

7.55 Grand Designs Building his own home was always a pipe dream for musician Toby Leeming. But all that changed after he survived leukaemia. During his recovery, ideas for a radical new home came thick and fast. (AD)

9.00 **CHOICE New. Matt Baker: Christmas Travels with Mum and Dad** Matt Baker takes his parents on a glorious Christmas trip to the Lake District, where they visit Beatrix Potter's hilltop home and try festive felting using local wool. **See p63.** (AD) **10.00 Devon and Cornwall at Christmas** The fishing village of Clovelly on Devon's north coast is renowned for its Christmas lights switch-on. Plus an unusual tree made from ocean rubbish is erected. (AD)

11.05 24 Hours in A&E Francis has fallen off his bike and is suffering from extreme amnesia. The doctors are concerned that he could have a bleed on the brain. (AD)

12.10am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **1.10** 999: on the Front Line **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

13

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Wed/Thu (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD)

12 noon The Big Bang Theory: four episodes of the sitcom (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD)

6.00pm The Big Bang Theory 19/24 Series 6. Sheldon discovers a letter. (AD) **6.30 20/24.** The guys compete. (AD) **7.30 Hollyoaks** With Mercedes missing, Felix struggles with his mental health. (AD)

7.30 Young Sheldon 7/22 Series 5. Meemaw helps Dale take care of his ex-wife June. (AD) **8.00 Modern Family 11/24 Series 1.** Claire relies on a fireman to get Phil to the hospital. **8.30 13/24.** Manny's date gets a makeover. **9.00 Gogglebox** Candid opinions. (AD)

10.00 New. Made in Chelsea News of the meet-up between exes Liv and Tristan and Rez and Ruby sends shockwaves around Chelsea. **11.05 New. Obsessed with My Muscles: Untold** Investigating muscle dysmorphia. (AD)

11.40 First Dates Will, 24, is looking for a woman who loves the countryside. (AD) **12.45am** Gogglebox: forthright critiques (SL) (AD)

1.55 Married at First Sight Australia **3.20** Made in Chelsea (SL) **4.10** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Neighborhood: double bill

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 **E4 Extra** F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun (AD) **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00 New.** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** Ghost Adventures **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Shopping **4.00** as 4pm **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Classic FM Live: a Film Music Spectacular 10.30pm Kirill Karabits

6.00am Gilbert and Sullivan: a Motley Pair **6.30** Arts Uncovered **6.40** English National Ballet in Paris **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Leonardo DiCaprio: the Oscar-winning actor

12 noon The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Portrait Artist of the Year **4.00** Discovering: Kate Winslet **5.00** The Joy of Painting: double bill

6.00pm Tales of the Unexpected Two actors get together for a reunion. (AD) **6.30** A woman's sister disappears. (AD)

7.00 Alfred Hitchcock Presents A magician takes a runaway under his wing. **8.00 André Rieu: Welcome to My World** The violinist reflects on a colourful tribute to *Mary Poppins* as he rummages through the elaborate costumes in his backstage wardrobe. **9.00 New. Darbar Festival** Performances from the festival held in London that celebrates the diversity of Indian classical music.

10.30 Classic FM Live: a Film Music Spectacular The Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra and the Ukrainian conductor Kirill Karabits perform popular film themes from the Royal Albert Hall including *Star Wars* and *Jurassic Park*.

12.30am Sherlock Holmes vs Arthur Conan Doyle **1.40** Pompeii: Sin City (AD) **3.05** Laurie Lee: the Lost Interview (AD) **4.05** The South Bank Show **5.00-6.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: in Bournemouth (AD) **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD)

1.30pm A Place in the Sun **2.30** Come Dine with Me: in Sheffield **5.00** Château DIY (AD)

6.00pm A Place in the Sun Chris and Helen search for a holiday home in Greece. **7.00 Jamie's Italian Christmas** In a cosy log cabin in the snowy Alps of northern Italy, Jamie Oliver and his mentor Gennaro Contaldo cook up a traditional Christmas feast with a special Italian twist. (AD)

8.00 Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It In Poole, Dorset, supply teacher Sue and her husband Roy can't decide what to do with their four-bedroom chalet bungalow. (AD)

9.00 Escape to the Château at Christmas Angel, Jenni and Dorothy bring in the fir, holly and mistletoe from the garden ready to deck the halls. Shown Sun 7pm C4 (AD)

10.00 Gogglebox The armchair critics share opinions on what they have been watching. **11.05 Gogglebox Festive Special** The armchair critics cast their eyes over *The Real Full Monty on Ice*, *Would I Lie to You at Christmas?* and other shows from 2020. (AD)

12.35am 24 Hours in Police Custody **3.25** Amazing Spaces: George's Icelandic Adventure **4.20-4.50am** Strangers on a Plane

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.30 New.** Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **12 noon** How Do They Do It? **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It! **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00 New.** Outback Opal Hunters **10.00 New.** Gem Hunters Down Under **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air 999 **2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Abandoned Engineering 8.00pm A visit to Seodaemun Prison in Seoul

6.10am Hornby: a Model World (AD) **7.10** Secrets of the Railways (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering: double bill (AD)

10.00 The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash: double bill **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: the D-Day landings

6.00pm Great Continental Railway Journeys Michael Portillo ventures beyond Europe as he travels through Israel and Palestine. **7.00 Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce and the team visit Bowood House in Wiltshire.

8.00 New. Abandoned Engineering 8/12 Series 12. Exploring Seodaemun Prison, a facility in Seoul that helped spawn a legend known as South Korea's Joan of Arc. (AD)

9.00 Bangers and Cash A man reluctantly sends his beloved Jaguar E-Type to auction. **10.00** A widow parts with her husband's collection of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys.

11.00 Abandoned Engineering Exploring Oradour-sur-Glane in central France, and Alcatraz Island in San Francisco Bay. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys **1.00am** Hornby: a Model World (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Railways (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **Sky 255** Virgin 329

Dave

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7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD)

5.00 The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure: a culinary journey beginning in Hong Kong **6.00pm Rick Stein's Road to Mexico** The chef retraces a road trip he took in 1968 from northern California to Mexico.

7.00 Richard Osman's House of Games With former winners Rickie Haywood-Williams, Sally Phillips, Vikki Stone and Dan Walker. **7.40** Guests include Jay Blades and Jan Ravens.

8.20 Would I Lie to You? Rob Brydon hosts. **9.00 QI XL** Stephen Fry welcomes Dara O Briain, Chris Addison and Sean Lock.

10.00 QI With panellists Joe Lycett, Shazia Mirza and Josh Widdicombe. **10.40 QI: Rejoice! A Christmas Special** With guests Chris McCausland, Justin Moorhouse, Holly Walsh and Alan Davies.

11.20 QI Hosted by Sandi Toksvig. **12 midnight** Mock the Week **12.40am** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Richard Osman's House of Games **2.00** Meet the Richardsons (AD)

3.00-4.00am Comedians Giving Lectures **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave Ja Vu** Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **9.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol **1.00pm** Border Patrol

2.00 Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** New. NCIS: Los Angeles: the team works with DEA agent Talia Del Campo First shown on Sky Max **9.00 New.** A League of Their Own US Road Trip: a baseball challenge First shown on Sky Showcase (AD) **10.00** Ricky Gervais: Fame **11.40** Britain's Most Evil Killers

12.35am World's Most Evil Killers: Robert Ben Rhoades **1.30** The Force: Manchester **2.30** Road Wars **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **11.55** Entertainment News **12 noon** Law & Order: four episodes **3.55pm** Entertainment News **4.00** Law & Order: double bill

6.00pm NCIS Series 14. Triple bill. The abduction of a petty officer seems to be connected to an earlier disappearance **7.00** A witness in an NCIS case turns out to be wanted by US immigration **8.00** Ellie questions her past at the NSA (AD) **9.00 New.** The Blacklist Series 3. Red finally finds a new lead First shown on Sky Witness **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: five episodes

2.50am Lucifer: Chloe and Lucifer hunt for a killer **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD)

5.10pm FILM The Christmas Lottery ★★ Comedy starring Reginald VelJohnson **7.00 GPs: behind Closed Doors** Doctors treat a seven-year-old boy knocked unconscious after a crash on his bike. (AD)

8.00 Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts Doctors help a man who has fallen from a ladder and is unconscious. **9.00 Aldi vs Harrods: Who Does Christmas Better?** How supermarket chain Aldi and Knightsbridge department store Harrods both cracked the UK Christmas market in their own unique ways.

10.00 My Lover, My Killer Real-life cases of people murdered by their partners. (AD) **11.00 Ambulance: Code Red** A man is rushed to hospital by paramedics following a nasty accident with a circular saw.

12.05am Revenge: triple bill of the drama **2.50-3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Winter Road Rescue **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.15** Police Interceptors

12.20pm FILM Seminoles ★★ Western **2.05** FILM Streets of Laredo ★★★ Western starring William Holden. **Review page 69** **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6.00pm Police Interceptors Angus and Sean smash down a door to save a man's life. **7.00** Officers face an alcohol-fuelled night. **8.00** A monster-truck gives officers the slip. **9.00 FILM Lock Up** ★★ Prison drama starring Sylvester Stallone. Convict Frank Leone only bucked the prison system once. Now that single rebellious act is suddenly and severely punished when he finds himself at the mercy of a sadistic old adversary.

11.15 FILM True Grit ★★★★★ Remake of the John Wayne western. When farmer Frank Ross is murdered, his daughter decides to take the matter in hand and find a man with "true grit" to bring the killer to justice.

1.30am Ultimate Police Interceptors **2.30-3.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

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9.00am Cash in the Attic (AD) **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** FILM Every Christmas Has a Story ★★ Romance **1.50pm** Entertainment News **2.00** The Yorkshire Vet **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

6.00pm World War I in Colour Whether the conflict could have been avoided. (AD) **7.00 Cruising the Nordics with Jane McDonald** Jane visits Tallinn and Stockholm. **9.00 The Great Stink of 1858** How London was overwhelmed by a foul smell. **10.00** An experiment re-creates the odour.

11.00 Secrets of Stonehenge: Ancient Engineering Intriguing and noteworthy feats of engineering from the stone age. (AD) **12 midnight** Forged in Fire: double bill **1.55am** Nazi Megastuctures: the rail network **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

MONDAY Freeview & films



DIY SOS: the Big Build 7.00pm From Bromley, Kent

6.10am Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes After a couple adopt four children, the Scotts overhaul their property. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build Nick Knowles and his team help the Newcombe family in Kent.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Following crews from West Midlands Ambulance Service during the festive period.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E An 83-year-old is brought into resus after falling off his roof at home. **10.00** A boy is struck by a motorbike on his way home from school.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A car being pursued by police crashes. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute **2.00-3.00am** The Haiky Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

W F'view 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) **Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232** (233 Scotland) **Virgin 325**

HGTV 44

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions (AD) **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **9.00** New. Fixer Upper: the Hotel (AD) **9.30** Fixer Upper: behind the Design **10.00** New. Tough Love with Hilary Farr (AD) **11.00** Bargain Mansions (AD) **12 midnight** as 11am **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 3pm **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home: double bill

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian Adventure **7.00** Shine On Harvey Moon **8.00** Never the Twin **8.30** After Henry **9.00** The Brothers McGregor **10.00** Forgotten Frontlines **11.00** London Districts **11.15** Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track **12 noon** Monkey **1.00pm** FILM It Always Rains on Sunday **2.15** FILM The 14 **3.00** World War II: the Price of Empire **6.00** London Live News **7.00** The Real Eastenders **8.00** Spiffire Voices **9.00** The Sandbaggers **10.00** The Irish Mob **11.00** On Tender Hooks **12.30am** FILM Two Graves **2.15** The Comic Strip Presents... **3.00** FILM The Painted Smile **4.15** FILM The Atomic Submarine **5.30** (BW) **5.50-6.00am** London Districts

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas 8.00pm The chef

6.00am New. The Kitchen **7.00** Holiday Survival Guide **8.00** The Great British Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **10.00** Baked in Vermont **10.30** Giada's Holiday Handbook **11.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Magnolia Table with Joanna Gaines **2.00** The Great British Bake Off **3.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** Girl Meets Farm **6.00** The Great British Bake Off **7.00** New. Marcus Wareing at Christmas **7.30** New series. Zoe Bakes: Zoë François celebrates New Year's Eve in style **8.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **11.00** Buddy's Big Bakedown: gingerbread houses a festive competition **1.00am** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **2.00-3.00am** Cake Wars: Christmas

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 Sky 242 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **9.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle **1.00pm** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **5.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders: a former spy publishes his memoirs, sparking panic in the world of espionage **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four episodes **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written in Blood **1.00pm** See No Evil: double bill **3.00** Medical Detectives: four editions **5.00** Written in Blood: double bill. Simon Toyne investigates the murder of Rachel Nickell, then travels to Yorkshire to investigate the abduction and murder of school girl Leanne Tiernan **7.00** Judge Judy **1.00am** Written in Blood **3.00** See No Evil **4.50** Medical Detectives **5.40-6.00am** Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

6.00am Westminster Hall **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Scottish First Minister's Questions **11.20** Welsh First Minister's Questions **12.20pm** House of Lords **1.50** Lords Questions **2.30** Live Education Questions: questions in the House of Commons to Gillian Keegan, the education secretary **3.30** Live House of Commons **11.00** Lords Questions **11.40-7.00am** House of Lords

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



Asteroid Rush 7.20pm The secrets of the space rocks

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created **6.55** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** The World after Stonehenge **9.35** Asteroid Rush **10.45** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **11.50** Surrender on the USS Missouri **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** The World after Stonehenge **2.50** Asteroid Rush **3.55** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **5.05** Surrender on the USS Missouri

6.15pm The World after Stonehenge 2/4. Neil Oliver explores the age of Celtic Britain.

7.20 Asteroid Rush 1/2. The science behind Don't Look Up.

8.30 Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis 1/3. How the system became established.

9.35 Surrender on the USS Missouri The official Japanese surrender in the Second World War.

10.50 Asteroid Rush As 7.20pm. **12 midnight** as 8.30pm **1.05am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** as 6.15pm **2.40** as 9.35pm **3.40** Plane Crash Re-created **4.35-6.00am** Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.20** Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof Is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars: the fast-paced world of shipping port auctions **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: David and a team of antiques dealers visit Bury, Greater Manchester **9.00** Holy Grail in America: investigating whether the Knights Templar discovered America **11.00** WW2 Treasure Hunters: double bill **1.00am** Hunting Nazi Treasure **2.00** Irish Pickers **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars **4.10** Alone **5.00-6.00am** Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Cash in the Attic: double bill **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt: experts Charles Hanson and Jonathan Pratt help two teams in Horncastle, Lincolnshire **5.00** Bullseye: double bill of the quiz that tests contestants' skill at darts and their general knowledge **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? Chris Tarrant hosts the big-prize quiz **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts **8.00** The Chase: double bill of the quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **11.00** Tenable **12 midnight** Weakest Link **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase: double bill **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

6.00am New. Milkshake! News **6.10** Badgers: Their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy **6.35** Odo **6.40** Tweedy & Fluff **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** New. Thomas & Friends **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Pip and Posy **7.40** Paddington **7.55** New. Animal Care Club **8.15** New series. Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05-9.15am** New. Jen's Jolly Bakes

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CBeebies

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurus **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.50** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.35** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.00** Octonauts **8.15** Christmas in the CBeebies House **8.30** Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50** Nick Cope's Postcard **9.00** Bing **9.05** Yakka Dee! **9.10** Love Monster **9.20** Roots and Fruits **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.00** My Petsaurus **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Toddler Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** New. Olga Da Polga **10.50** Gecko's Garage **10.55** Bluey **11.00** Supertato **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** Nick Cope's Postcard **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle **12.30** Get Well Soon Hospital **12.45** Andy's Adventures **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Hey Duggee **1.25** Love Monster **1.40** Colourblocks **1.45** Something Special **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Diddap **2.25** Supertato **2.30** Go Jetters **2.45** Maddy's Do You Know? **3.00** Andy's Adventures **3.10** Our Family **3.15** New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.40** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00** New. Dog Squad **4.10** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **4.15** The Game Catchers **4.25** Bluey **4.40** Supertato **4.45** Tish Tash **4.50** Go Jetters: the North Pole **5.15** Woolly & Tish: Christmas Magic **5.25** Sarah & Duck **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F'view 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzly and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.40** Andy and the Band **9.55** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **10.00** Lagging **10.25** What's Cooking Omar? **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bitesize **11.20** Out of This World **11.30** Our School **11.55** Danger Mouse **12.20pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.55** Dennis & Gnasher **1.30** Grizzly and the Lemmings **1.45** Summer Camp Island **1.55** One Zoo Three **2.15** Hey You What If? **2.20** Jamie Johnson FC **2.50** Ooglies **2.55** The Zoo **3.10** The Deep **3.30** Danger Mouse **3.40** Ninja Express **3.55** Taffy **4.00** Grizzly and the Lemmings **4.20** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05** New. Total Dramarama **5.30** Almost Never **6.30** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **6.35-7.00pm** The Next Step

CBBC F'view 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Doo? **8.35-9.00am** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder **11.15** New. Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS

Film4

11.00am The 300 Spartans ★★★ Historical adventure about the defence of Thermopylae in 480 BC. Richard Egan, Ralph Richardson (1962, PG) (S) (S)

1.15pm Tora! Tora! Tora! ★★★ Meticulous account of the Japanese attack on the US naval base at Pearl Harbor on 7 December 1941. Martin Balsam, Jason Robards Jr (1970, U) (S) (AD)

4.05 Young Winston ★★★ Tom Brown's Schooldays meets The Four Feathers in Richard Attenborough's lavishly mounted account of Winston Churchill's early years. Simon Ward, Robert Shaw, Anne Bancroft (1972, PG) (S) (AD)

6.55pm Pacific Rim: Uprising ★★★ There's more city-smashing mayhem in this disjointed but exciting sci-fi action sequel. John Boyega, Scott Eastwood (2018, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 Mission: Impossible 2 ★★★ John Woo's crowd-pleasing spy thriller sequel sees super-agent Tom Cruise attempt to retrieve and destroy a deadly virus. Dougray Scott (2000, 15) (S) (AD)

11.25 Ready or Not ★★★ A bride must survive a deadly game of hide and seek with her in-laws if she's to make it to her honeymoon in this witty horror. Samara Weaving, Andie MacDowell (2019, 18) (S) (AD)

1.15-4.00am Maurice ★★ Merchant-Ivory period drama about young homosexuals at Cambridge that captures the Edwardian period detail impeccably, but is a tad dull. James Wilby, Hugh Grant (1987, 15) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 +1 F'view 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV

6.00am Front Line Kids ★★

Cheerful comedy about a gang of street kids who get involved with jewel thieves. Leslie Fuller (1942, U) (S) **7.35 Three Young Texans ★★** Ranch hands face tough choices in this standard western. (1954, U) (S) **9.20 Shipmates O'Mine ★★** Overly sentimental musical in which the disgraced captain of a First World War ship is reunited with his crew. (1936, U) (S) **11.00 Time to Remember Documentary. (S) 11.35 Bullet Scars ★★★** Niftily paced B-movie crime drama in which a doctor is forced to treat a wounded bank robber or get killed himself. Regis Toomey (1942) (S)

12.50pm Village of the Giants ★★ A boy's invention supercharges teenagers in this enjoyably silly hokum. Review, right. (1965, PG) (S) **2.30 Crown Court** TV drama. (S) **3.00 The Saint** TV drama. (S) **4.00 Song of London 4.30 The Terror ★★** Flat direction and an under-enthusiased cast don't help this Edgar Wallace mystery. Wilfrid Lawson (1938, PG) (S)

6.00pm The Footage Detectives Archive film and TV clips. (S)

7.00 Avalanche ★★ Pleasant children's adventure about a group of youngsters on a skiing holiday. Howard Marion-Crawford (1969) (S)

8.35 Mr James: The Stalls of Barchester Period TV drama. (S)

9.35 Waking the Dead TV detective drama with Trevor Eve. (S)

11.40 Full Moon in Blue Water ★★ Would-be-quirky comedy drama. Gene Hackman, Teri Garr (1988, 15) (S)

1.35am Night Mail ★★ Classic documentary, with verse by WH Auden and music by Benjamin Britten. (1936) (S) **2.00 Maigret** TV mystery. **4.00 Justice** TV drama.

5.00 Monty Nash TV drama. **5.30-6.00am Richard Diamond**

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

FILM REVIEWS

Great Movies 34

9.00am Secrets of My Stepdughter ★★★ Engaging thriller. Josie Davis (2017) **10.55 A Wicked Vendetta** ★★ Kidnap thriller. Katrina Begin (2018) **1.00pm The Wedding Fix** ★★ She falls for the best man. Andrea Brooks, Patch May (2022) **2.55 Meet Me in New York** ★★ Breezy romance. Brooke Nevin, Corey Sevier (2022) **4.50 Run to Me** ★★ Training becomes an obsession. Claire Forlani, Michelle Nolden (2016) **7.05pm The Double** ★★ A retired CIA agent teams up with an FBI rookie. **Review, right.** Richard Gere (2011, 12) **9.00 The Devil's Own** ★★ Uneven thriller about a New York cop who befriends an Irishman, unaware that he's an IRA member. Harrison Ford (1997, 15) **11.15 The Devil's Double** ★★ Flashy true-story drama with Dominic Cooper in a double role. Ludvine Sagnier, Raad Rawi (2011, 18) **1.25am Wandering Eye** ★★ Routine thriller in which a woman discovers a man she met online is a killer. Amanda Righetti (2011) **3.30 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: An Inheritance To Die For **Great Movies** Freeview 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425 **+1 Freeview 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322**

Great Action 42

8.00am Two Rode Together ★★★ Slow-moving but well-cast John Ford western. James Stewart (1961, PG) **10.15 Tank Force** ★★ Victor Mature is a PoW in the Libyan desert. (1958, U) **12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Utah Blaine** ★★ Range-war western. Rory Calhoun (1957) **2.40 The Rough, Tough West** ★★ Standard "Durango Kid" western. (1952, U) **3.55 Luftwaffe: the Eagle Strikes 5.10 The Two-Headed Spy** ★★★ Taut wartime spy saga with Jack Hawkins. (1958, U) **7.05pm Polar Storm** ★★ Magnetic storms threaten the planet in this cheap sci-fi flick. Jack Coleman (2009) **9.00 Kill 'Em All** ★★ Wounded mystery man Jean-Claude Van Damme is hunted by bad guys in this tired-looking action thriller. (2017, 15) **10.55 Unstoppable** ★★ Lacklustre thriller in which a traumatised ex-soldier is injected with a mind-controlling drug. Wesley Snipes (2004, 15) **12.50am Nowhere to Run** ★★ Soft-centred action thriller. Jean-Claude Van Damme (1992, 15) **2.40 War Machines 3.50-5.00am** Battle Honours **Great Action** Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 **+1 Sky 324**

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am The Christmas Pageant ★★ A director has some life lessons. Melissa Gilbert (2011) **10.00 Hearts of Christmas** ★★ A nurse on a mission. Emilie Ullerup (2016) **12 noon Christmas Collision** ★★ They bond over cookies. Sebrina Scott (2021, PG) **2.00pm The Christmas Apprentice** ★★ Small-town values hit the spot. Abigail Hawk (2016) **4.00 Welcome to Christmas** ★★ Does the town want a ski resort? Jennifer Finnigan, Eric Mabius (2018) **6.00pm Finding Santa** ★★ Green River needs a new Santa. (2017) **8.00 Northpole** ★★ Easy-going Christmas fantasy about Santa's town. Tiffani Thiessen, Max Charles (2014) **10.00 Northpole 2: Open for Christmas** ★★ A rundown hotel has a secret festive role in this cute fantasy. Lori Loughlin, Dermot Mulroney (2015, U) **12 midnight A Candlelit Christmas** ★★ Candle-making is in her blood. (2022) **2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am The Christmas Bunny** ★★ Schmaltzy drama. (2010, PG) **Great Movies Christmas** Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 **+1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320**

Sky Premiere

6.05am As 2pm **8.20** As 4.15pm **10.05 The 12 Days of Christmas Eve** ★★★ Sentimental time-loop comedy. Kelsey Grammer, Spencer Grammer (2022) **11.55** As 8pm **2.00pm The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan** ★★★ Vivid swashbuckler with a French cast led by Vincent Cassel and Eva Green. (2023, 15) **4.15 Mummies** ★★ Breezy animated comedy, in which Egyptian mummies leave the afterlife to search for a ring in 21st-century London. **Review p36.** Joe Thomas (2023, U) **6.00pm The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** ★★★ Gentle British drama about a retiree on a 500-mile hike. **Review p36.** Jim Broadbent (2023, 12) **8.00 May December** ★★★ Provocative melodrama from director Todd Haynes, with Natalie Portman. **Review p36.** (2023, 15) **10.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** As 6pm. **12 midnight Genie** ★★ Clever, perfectly cheesy festive comedy. Melissa McCarthy, Paapa Essiedu (2023, PG) **1.50am** As 10.05am **3.40 Love Again** ★★ Schmaltzy romcom. Priyanka Chopra (2023, 12) **5.35** Sky Cinema Preview **Sky Premiere** Sky 301 Virgin 401 **EE 501/HD 515 +1 Sky 312**

Legend

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00 Wild Horses** ★★ Fine western drama. Kenny Rogers (1985, PG) **1.00pm An Eye for an Eye** ★★ Wounded bounty hunters team up. Robert Lansing, Pat Wayne (1966) **3.00 The Purple Plain** ★★ Gregory Peck is on the run in wartime Burma. (1954, PG) **5.00 Star Trek 6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** TV sci-fi drama series. **7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man** TV sci-fi adventure with Lee Majors. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV action drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 Mojave** ★★ Oscar Isaac compels as a drifter who latches onto a faded Hollywood director in this handsome psycho-thriller. (2014, 15) **10.50 Sea of Love** ★★ A New York cop gets down and dirty with a chief murder suspect in this mystery thriller. **Review, right.** Al Pacino (1989, 18) **1.00am The Sorcerers** ★★ Intelligent cult horror. Boris Karloff (1967, 15) **2.45-4.30am The Internecine Project** ★★ Intriguing thriller. James Coburn, Lee Grant (1974, 15) **Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149**

Legend Xtra

8.00am Wyvern ★★ Watchable TV-movie monster mayhem. Nick Chinn (2009, 15) **10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Doomwatch** ★★ Cornwall-set spin-off from the fact-based BBC mystery series. Ian Bannen (1972, 12) **1.00pm Meteor Moon** ★ A chunk of lunar rock is heading this way. Dominique Swain, Michael Broderick (2020) **3.00 Andromeda 4.00 Star Trek 5.00 6-Headed Shark Attack** ★★ Part 6 in the bizarre action series that follows the deadly exploits of multi-mouthed sharks. Brandon Auret (2018, 15) **7.00pm Andromeda** TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. **8.00 Star Trek** TV sci-fi drama. **9.00 From the Dark** ★★ Well-acted if clichéd Irish chiller in which a couple get lost in the woods and are stalked by a fiendish creature. Niamh Algar, Stephen Cromwell (2014) **10.55 Hellraiser** ★★ Absorbing sadomasochistic chiller about the gruesome consequences of opening a Chinese puzzle box. Andrew Robinson, Clare Higgins (1987, 18) **1.00-3.00am** As 9pm **Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 +1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371**



FILM OF THE DAY

The Death of Stalin ★★★

11.15pm-12.55am **BBC2** 15

SATIRE Written and directed by Armando Iannucci (*The Thick of It*), this "horrible history" chronicles the immediate before, during and aftermath of the demise of the Soviet dictator. But it's not history as we know it, for the film is played as broad comedy. The cast includes Jason Isaacs (above), Michael Palin and Andrea Riseborough, but it's Simon Russell Beale (as secret police boss Beria) and Steve Buscemi (as future leader Khrushchev) who stand out. It's funny throughout, despite the laughs stemming from a distinct sense of unease. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (UK/Fr/Can/Bel 2017, swearing, violence, HD)

Village of the Giants ★★

12.50-2.30pm **Talking Pictures TV** PG

SCI-FI Producer Bert I Gordon was a master of crude productions with gimmicky titles, such as *The Amazing Colossal Man* and *Empire of the Ants*. This fun tale stars a young Ron Howard as the genius who creates "goo", a substance that makes whoever eats it grow to huge proportions. It's enjoyable hokum, but gets by on pure brio. **JOHN GAMMON** (US 1965)

Streets of Laredo ★★★

2.05-4.00pm **5 Action** U

WESTERN Three outlaw pals go their separate ways, with two becoming lawmen and ending up chasing the third. There is a fine star-making performance from William Holden, whose presence is especially gratifying when dull co-star Macdonald Carey is around. The stunning photography is what makes this worth a look. **TONY SLOMAN** (US 1949, violence, HD)

The Double ★★

7.05-9.00pm **Great Movies** 12

THRILLER Retired CIA agent Richard Gere and young rookie Topher Grace team up to track down a Soviet assassin in this serviceable spy film. Grace channels the smart-aleck

Central Intelligence ★★★

11.15pm-1.00am **ITV1** (not in Wales, showing tomorrow on STV) 12

COMEDY In one of the more enjoyable vehicles for fast-talking comedian Kevin Hart, he plays an accountant who's lured into a spy mission by former classmate Dwayne Johnson. The winning screen partnership of "a little Hart and a big Johnson" was forged here, and the film largely succeeds thanks to its manic energy and heartfelt anti-bullying message. **VICTORIA LUXFORD** (US 2016, some violence, swearing, HD)

Spike Island ★★★

11.50pm-1.30am **BBC1** (starts 12.35am in Scotland; not in N Ireland) 15

MUSIC DRAMA The 1990 gig by Manchester band The Stone Roses at Spike Island in Widnes provides the backdrop to this fictional tale of an unsigned group caught up in the anticipation of the event. Some of the drama feels forced, but director Matt Whitecross is on surer footing capturing the era's street slang and inter-band rivalry. **ANDREW COLLINS** (UK 2012, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

Drive My Car ★★★★★

1.05-4.00am **C4** 15

DRAMA Cultures collide in this Oscar winner from Japan. It's the story of a grieving theatre director (Hidetoshi Nishijima) who forms a relationship with the young woman (Toko Miura) assigned to be his driver. Director Ryusuke Hamaguchi shoots his exacting script in lengthy takes, allowing the drama to unfold at an engrossing, natural pace. **CALUM BAKER** (Jpn 2021, sex scenes, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Eye in the Sky ★★★★★ **6.10-8.00pm Sky Thriller** Warfare by drone. (2015, 15) Sky 309; Virgin 409; BT 509/523

Twilight ★★★ **8.00-10.10pm Sky Hits** Vamping it up. (2008, 12) Sky 310, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Something in the Dirt ★★★★★ **10.00pm-12 midnight Sky Best of 2023** Trippy sci-fi yarn. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Showcase



Fast & Furious 8 9.00pm
Hobbs (Dwayne Johnson)

6.00am The Early Rundown
7.00 Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** River Hunters
11.00 Arctic from Above **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons: two episodes

6.00pm **The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 4/24 Series 6.** Carlton suffers a series of job rejections.
6.30 5/24. Uncle Phil is angry about an unwelcome show guest.

7.00 **The Simpsons** Bart goes to work in a burlesque theatre.
7.30 Homer decides to divorce Marge and re-marry her.

8.00 **A League of Their Own Ep 7 Series 18.** With guests Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam.

9.00 **Fast & Furious 8** ★★★★★
Action adventure starring Vin Diesel. When Dom is seemingly seduced into a life of techno terrorism, the team's opportunity to put their feet up has to wait. (W)

11.30 **Fast & Furious: Greatest Moments Refuelled** Fans' favourite moments from the franchise. (AD)
12.25am Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **1.25** Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **2.05** Road Wars Christmas Special **3.05** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown: double bill

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109
EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping
11.00 Blood and Treasure
12 noon Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Blood and Treasure
3.00 Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm **Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 10/26 Series 3.** An outbreak of lust and romance coincides with a Bajoran celebration.

7.00 11/26. Sisko, Bashir and Dax travel back in time and materialise in 21st-century San Francisco.

8.00 **Star Trek: Enterprise 10/26 Series 2.** Hoshi has her first experience of the transporter, but mysterious events prompt her to wonder if the machine has triggered an adverse reaction.

9.00 **2021: War of the Worlds** ★
Sci-fi thriller starring Emily Killian and Anthony Jensen. When Martians attack New York City, the US military faces an uphill battle to save the Earth.

10.50 **True Blood 11/12 Series 5** Bill slips further into religious fanaticism when the vision of Lilith tells him he is the chosen one.

11.55 12/12. Eric leads a desperate mission to stop Bill and the Authority, while Andy faces the consequences of his light pact.

1.00am Trickster **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe **4.00-6.00am** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122
EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



The Gilded Age 9.00pm
Marian faces a tough decision

6.00am The Guest Wing (AD)
7.55 True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD)
12.15pm Game of Thrones (AD)
1.20 Tin Star: Liverpool (AD)
3.30 True Blood: double bill

5.40pm **Billions 4/12 Series 3** Axe explores the new arena of venture philanthropy. (AD)
6.45 5/12. Taylor travels to Silicon Valley to explore new business opportunities. (AD)

7.55 **Game of Thrones 6/10 Series 2.** Joffrey's rule prompts the people of King's Landing to riot, and Daenerys vows to reclaim what she believes is rightfully hers. (AD)

9.00 **The Gilded Age 7/8 Series 2** Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

10.05 **Winning Time: the Rise of the Lakers Dynasty 1/10.** Drama starring John C Reilly, Jason Clarke and Quincy Isaiah, chronicling the professional and personal lives of the 1980s LA Lakers. (AD)

11.15 **White House Plumbers 1/5** Drama with Woody Harrelson. In 1971, the White House hires E Howard Hunt and G Gordon Liddy to look into the Pentagon Papers leak. (AD)
12.20am Billions (AD) **2.30** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.40** In Treatment **4.10-6.00am** The Guest Wing (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am UK Border Force
7.00 Border Patrol **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) **10.00** Highway Cops **11.00** The Equalizer (AD)
12 noon The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed

4.30pm **Nothing to Declare** Seven back-to-back editions following the work of customs and immigration officers at Australia's biggest airports.

8.00 **The Equalizer 10/18 Series 3.** The mother of a dying patient holds a hospital hostage and McCall races to resolve the situation peacefully. (AD)

9.00 **The Good Doctor 8/22 Series 6.** A surgical sponge is left inside a patient and the team must act. Dr Morgan Park faces her past when treating a sexual assault victim.

10.00 **Departure 2/6 Series 3** With signs of life onboard the vessel, the race for recovery continues along with attempts to gather evidence. Survivors start experiencing flashbacks. (AD)

11.00 **The Rookie 12/14 Series 3** Nolan and his ex-wife Sarah must come together to help their son Henry when he collapses and is rushed to hospital. (AD)

12 midnight Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **1.00am** Private Eyes **2.00** Transparent (AD) **3.00** Chicago Med **4.00** The Resident **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110
EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Stargate SG-1 6.00pm
Samantha and Jacob

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)
8.00 Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1
11.00 NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD)
5.00 DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm **Stargate SG-1 9/22 Series 6.** An assassin jeopardises refugees at the Alpha site.
7.00 10/22. An alien world offers Earth a medicine with the power to cure any illness.

8.00 **A League of Their Own Ep 7 Series 18.** With guests Jimmy Carr and Maisie Adam. Romesh Ranganathan hosts.

9.00 **The Lazarus Project 4/8 Series 2.** When the time machine doesn't work in the way they'd planned, George and his colleagues are left stranded.

10.00 **Rob and Romesh vs Classical Music Ep 4 Series 5** The duo are invited to join the London Philharmonic Orchestra at the Royal Festival Hall. (AD)

11.00 **Fast & Furious: Greatest Moments Refuelled** Fans' favourite moments from the movie franchise. (AD)

12 midnight The Force: North East **1.00am** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD)
5.00-6.00am Highway Patrol

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111
EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

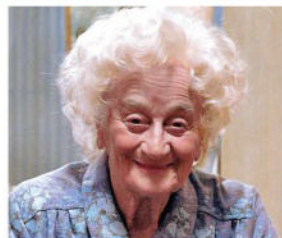
7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry
8.00 Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops (AD)
12 noon Highway Patrol **2.00pm** Most Haunted **4.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00** Merlin: double bill. Merlin's mother sends him to start a new life in Camelot, then a knight poses a threat to Arthur (AD)
8.00 Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. In 1619, three women arrive in the British colony of Jamestown, Virginia, with little idea of what the future holds, then Verity is accused of being a witch (AD) **11.30** FBI: Most Wanted: the team search for two missing students connected to a homicide **12.30am** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) **1.30** The Real A&E (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry
Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **1.00pm** An Unexpected Killer **2.00** Killer in My Village **3.00** World's Most Evil Killers **4.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **5.00** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **6.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **9.00** New. Forensics: Catching the Killer **10.00** Murder Next Door (AD) **11.00** World's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** Killer in My Village **1.00am** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **2.00** New. Who Killed Robert Wone **3.30** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121
EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



The Royle Family 9.00pm
Nana makes herself comfy

7.10am The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **7.45** The Two Ronnies **9.15** Christmas Night with the Two Ronnies 1987
10.20 Victoria Wood as Seen on TV
11.15 Last of the Summer Wine
1.15pm Keeping Up Appearances: Christmas special from 1995 **2.00** Citizen Khan (AD) **2.30** The Green Green Grass **3.25** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **4.45** Trust Morecambe & Wise **5.50** Ghosts (AD)

6.25pm **Only Fools and Horses** Christmas special from 1989. The Trotter brothers go on a day trip to Margate. (AD)

8.20 **Dad's Army** Can Captain Mainwaring really be a softie? The senior citizens of Walmington-on-Sea are about to find out.

9.00 **The Royle Family** Denise is pregnant again and Nana sets up home in the dining room. (AD)

10.15 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Agnes finds the festive spirit lacking during a games night.

11.00 **Absolutely Fabulous** Eddie's new-found enthusiasm for her family ruins Patsy's plans for an exotic Christmas. (AD)

11.45 **Not Going Out** Lucy encourages forgiveness when Lee's father turns up unannounced.

12.20am as 10.15pm **1.10** The Two Ronnies **2.40-4.00am** as 9pm

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124
EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air
9.00 The Conners **10.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** House of Lies
11.40 Entourage **12.50pm** Vice Principals (AD) **2.10** House of Lies
3.20 Entourage **4.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00** The Conners
6.00 The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **7.00** Will & Grace: double bill. The duo adopt a puppy, then Jack feels neglected (AD)
8.00 The Office US: double bill **9.00** New. Last Week Tonight with John Oliver: a satirical look at news and pop culture **9.40** Girls: two episodes (AD)
11.00 New. Real Time with Bill Maher
12.10am Last Week Tonight with John Oliver **12.50** Veep (AD) **2.00** New. James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999: a performance at the Hackney Empire **4.30-5.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales)
Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Pets
8.35 Most Ridiculous: Dumbest Ever
9.00 Takeshi's Castle **10.00** Home Improvement **12 noon** Last Man Standing **1.00pm** The Middle
3.25 Friends (AD) **8.00** New. Most Ridiculous **8.30** New. Most Ridiculous: double bill. Clips of dogs playing sport, then the top five most brainless people on the internet **9.00** Rhod Gilbert's Growing Pains **10.00** Jack Whitehall Gets Around: a 2014 performance at Wembley Arena **12 midnight** Jonathan Pie: back to the Studio **1.00am** South Park **2.30** Beavis and Butt-Head **3.05** The Funniest Adverts on the Planet **3.30** Guessable? **4.15-5.00am** The Middle: two episodes of the sitcom

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales)
Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360
+1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Elementary 7.00pm
Holmes finds himself distracted

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace
12 noon Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **5.00** Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm **Without a Trace 8/24 Series 5.** Jack is kidnapped while under cover at a poker club, looking for clues about a missing man.

7.00 **Elementary 18/24 Series 3** A driver for a ride-sharing company is run over by a city cab.

8.00 **Father Brown 5/15 Series 3** Kempleford's new cricket captain is framed for murder and the cleric must prove his innocence. (AD)

9.00 10/10 Series 10. Sullivan's dream of leaving Kempleford is scuppered when he is arrested for receiving stolen goods. (AD)

10.00 **Death in Paradise 5/8 Series 4.** A rock singer is found electrocuted in the band's swimming pool. (AD)

11.00 **Rizzoli & Isles 10/15 Series 3.** Jane and Maura open a case after a woman's body is found inside a statue. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas: Max puts CSI on lockdown (AD)

3.00-4.00am Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin 114
EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Countdown to Collision **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Goblin Works Garage
12 noon Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** Building off the Grid **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD)
6.00 Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers (AD) **8.00** Railroad Alaska
9.00 New. Wheeler Dealers: Mike surprises Elvis with a Caterham Seven, but the job is bigger than expected (AD)
10.00 New series. Street Outlaws: Locals Only: in Pennsylvania, Farmtruck and AZN pick eight local racers to compete (AD) **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot
12 midnight Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.00am** Wheeler Dealers (AD)
2.00 Street Outlaws: Locals Only (AD)
3.00-5.00am Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177
EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** NASA's Unexplained Files **8.00** Blowing Up History (AD) **9.00** Ultimate Warfare
10.00 Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried (AD) **12 noon** Combat Dealers
2.00pm NASA's Unexplained Files
3.00 Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History **6.00** Combat Dealers
7.00 Expedition Unknown: the case of Second World War hero Gertrude "Tommy" Tompkins **8.00** Ultimate Warfare **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill (AD) **12 midnight** How It's Made: two editions **1.00am** Combat Dealers (AD) **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Ultimate Warfare **4.00-5.00am** Shed and Buried (AD)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Key (S) Subtitles (SL) Signing (AD) Audio description (HD) High definition (W) Widescreen

Sky Documentaries



Great Photo, Lovely Life... 9.00pm Amanda Mustard

6.00am The Movies **7.00** Discovering: William Holden (AD)
8.00 The Directors **9.00** The 2000s
9.55 The Vow (AD) **11.00** The Essex Murders (AD) **12 noon** Everton: Howard's Way **2.00pm** Missile from the East (AD) **4.00** The Directors: the life of John Frankenheimer **5.00** Discovering: William Holden (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s A look at the cultural and political milestones of the decade, beginning with TV shows including *The Sopranos*.

6.55 The Vow With no action from the authorities, Sarah, Mark and Nippy pile on the pressure by contacting more news outlets. (AD)

8.00 The Essex Murders Following the case of the 1995 killing of three notorious criminals known as the Essex Boys. (AD)

9.00 New. Great Photo, Lovely Life: Facing a Family's Secret Photojournalist Amanda Mustard returns home to Pennsylvania to investigate the sexual abuse crimes committed by her grandfather.

11.10 The Go-Go's The history of the American new-wave group, chronicling the rise of a band born of the LA punk scene that created a zeitgeist. (AD)

1.00am Assassins **3.00** Ethel **5.00-6.00am** Discovering: William Holden: a profile of the actor (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **11.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **12 noon** Car SOS **1.00pm** Ice Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **3.00** Nazi Megastructures (AD) **4.00** Viking Seas: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** New series. Apocalypse: the Fall of Hitler: in 1943, the Allies prepare to rid the world of the Nazi leader once and for all **9.00** New. To Catch a Smuggler: Customs and Border Patrol agents focus on food courier bags **10.00** Ice Road Rescue **11.00** Air Crash Investigation **12 midnight** Airport Security: Rome **1.00am** Banged Up Abroad **2.00** Food Factory USA **2.55-5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Counting Cars **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** Celts: the Untold Story: the golden age of the Celts **9.00** New. Evil Genius with Russell Kane: a debate on fashion designer and Nazi collaborator Coco Chanel **10.00** The Rise and Fall of Pablo Escobar **12 midnight** Close Encounters Down Under **1.00am** Pawn Stars **2.00** Kennedy **3.00** Secrets in the Ice **4.00-6.00am** Counting Cars

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Untamed Valley 9.00pm The life of a leopard in Zambia

6.00am Ol Pejeta Diaries **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **10.00** Living Beach **11.00** Extreme Africa **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **4.00** Living Beach **5.00** Extreme Africa

6.00pm Brazil Untamed The white-whiskered spider monkey of the Brazilian forest.

7.00 Monkey Life New chimpanzee Kalu ventures into the outdoor enclosure.

7.30 Alison is on a mission to rehome two pet-trade marmosets.

8.00 Wild Workers Following the stealthiest scavengers on the planet as they search for a meal.

8.30 The gravediggers of the animal kingdom and how quickly they can make bodies disappear.

9.00 Untamed Valley Life in the Luangwa Valley's busy grasslands.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

11.00 Extreme Africa The rich world of plants and animals along South Africa's Orange River.

12 midnight Wildlife Icons **1.00am** Monkey Life **2.00** Wild Workers

3.00 Untamed Valley **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00-6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Snow Leopards and Friends (AD) **10.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom **11.00** China's Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marvin **12 noon** Sea of Creepy Monsters **1.00pm** Titanic: Stories from the Deep **4.00** Snow Leopards and Friends (AD) **5.00** China's Secret Monkey Kingdom **6.00** China's Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marvin **7.00** Sea of Creepy Monsters **8.00** Titanic: Stories from the Deep: triple bill. Stories of enduring love **9.00** The mysterious story of Howard Irwin **10.00** The cost of surviving the sinking of the *Titanic* **11.00** Snow Leopards and Friends (AD) **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** China's Ten Deadliest Snakes with Nigel Marvin **2.00** Sea of Creepy Monsters **3.00** Titanic: Stories from the Deep **5.25-6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** Legends of the Wild (AD) **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked: the team builds a reef tank for the owner of a winery **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator: Expedition Mungo **9.00** South American Squatch of Argentina: Expedition Mungo **10.00** Alaska Monsters: Todd devises a trap for a huge feline **11.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters **12 midnight** Cricley! It's the Irwins **1.00am** Alaska Monsters **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00-5.00am** Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
8.00 **LIVE** Big Bash League Cricket Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers from University of Tasmania Stadium, Launceston.
11.45 My Icon: Nasser Hussain (AD)
12 noon The Football Show
1.00pm Lunchtime Live
2.00 Sports Desk
5.00 Sky Sports News

7.30 **LIVE** League One Football Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers from Fratton Park (kick-off 8.00).

10.30 Back Pages Tonight

11.00 Sky Sports News

1.00am **LIVE** NFL New York Giants v Green Bay Packers, the week 14 game at MetLife Stadium, East Rutherford (kick-off 1.15).

4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals (AD)
9.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up
9.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights
9.30 Women's Super League Football
10.00 League Cup Retro

12 noon Scottish Premiership Football
2.00pm Women's Super League

4.30 Championship Highlights
5.00 Scottish Premiership Round-Up
5.15 Scottish Premiership Highlights

5.30 League One and Two Goals
6.00 Women's Super League Football
6.30 German Football: highlights

7.30 **LIVE** League One Football Portsmouth v Bolton Wanderers from Fratton Park (kick-off 8.00).

10.30 Italia 90: Four Weeks That Changed the World: documentary (AD)
11.30 German Football: highlights

12.30am EFL Greatest Games (AD)

1.00 Championship Season Review (AD) **2.00** Best Goals (AD) **2.30** EFL Rivalries **3.00** League Cup Retro

5.45-6.00am EFL Greatest Games

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am European Tour Golf: day four of the Alfred Dunhill Championship
11.00 Golf: Grant Thornton Invitational
2.00pm World Champions Cup Golf: the final day **5.30** Tee Time Tips

6.00 European Tour Golf **7.00** Golf: Grant Thornton Invitational **8.00** Legends Tour Golf **9.00** Junior Golf

9.30 European Tour Golf **10.30** Golf **11.30** Junior Golf: European Open

12 midnight Legends Tour **1.00am** European Tour Golf **2.00** Golf: Grant Thornton Invitational **3.00** Legends Tour Golf **4.00** Playing Lessons (AD)

5.00-6.00am European Tour Golf

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412

6.00am Snooker **8.00** Olympic Games **9.00** Freestyle Skiing **10.00** Cross-Country Skiing **11.00** Snooker

1.00pm **LIVE** Snooker Day one of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh, featuring first-round matches.

5.00 Cyclo-Cross **6.00** Judo

7.00 **LIVE** Snooker Day one of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh, featuring first-round matches.

11.00 Snooker: Scottish Open
1.00am Alpine Skiing **2.00** Snooker

4.00-6.00am Alpine Skiing

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Biathlon **8.00** Snooker
10.00 Cycling **10.30** Triathlon

11.00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup
1.00pm Biathlon **2.00** Cyclo-Cross

4.00 Supercross **5.00** Alpine Skiing
7.00 A Voyage of Discovery: three episodes **10.00** Biathlon: World Cup

12 midnight Cyclo-Cross **2.00am** Supercross **4.00-6.00am** Snooker



Snooker from 1.00pm Eurosport 1 Gary Wilson aims to retain his title in Edinburgh

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Football Show

11.30 Ref Watch **12 noon** The Football Show **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights **5.00** 100 Club: double bill

6.00 Premier League Legends (AD)
7.00 Premier League Review **8.00** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** Premier League Review **10.00** Class of 92: Full Time

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TNT Sports 1

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5.45am **LIVE** International T20 Cricket Coverage of a match in the Deaf World Cup.

1.45pm International One-Day Cricket
2.45 Deaf Away Days **3.00** French Football (AD) **4.00** Australian Football

4.30 Premier League Review (AD)

5.30 **LIVE** Italian Football Empoli v Lecce, coverage of the Serie A match at Stadio comunale Carlo Castellani (kick-off 5.30).

7.30 Cagliari v Sassuolo from Sardegna Arena (kick-off 7.45).

9.45 Deaf Away Days

10.00 **LIVE** Pro League Hockey Netherlands v Argentina, the women's match at Estero del Estero (push-back 10.00).

12 midnight Wrestling (AD)

1.00am **LIVE** Wrestling WWE.

4.15 Ariel Helwani Meets **5.45** TNT Sports Goals Reload **6.00am** Australian Football **5.30-6.00am** Champions League Football (AD)

6.00am Premier League Review (AD)

7.00 Wrestling (AD) **8.00** Premier League Football **9.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **10.00** Champions League Magazine (AD) **10.30** Europa League Magazine (AD) **11.30** NBA Action (AD)

12 noon Premier League Review (AD)

1.00pm Premier League: the Big Interview **1.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **2.00** The Football's On **3.00** Pro League Hockey: four matches

7.00 Australian Football: highlights

7.30 International One-Day Cricket

8.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union

9.30-6.30am **LIVE** International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan, the first in a women's three-match series from Queenstown, Otago.

10.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload

10.30 Stand Up Kickabout **11.00** Wrestling (AD) **12 midnight** NBA

12.30am **LIVE** NBA Atlanta Hawks v Denver Nuggets, the inter-conference game at State Farm Arena (tip-off 12.30).

3.00 NBA (AD) **3.30** NBA on Fire

4.00 TNT Sports Goals Reload

4.30 Champions Cup Rugby Union

5.30-6.00am French Football

6.00am Italian Football: eight games

2.00pm Rocky and Wrighty: from Brockley to the Big Time (AD) **3.30** Premier League Legends (AD) **4.00** World Rally **5.00** Motor Racing (AD)

7.00 Deaf Away Days **7.15** Back into the Sunshine (AD) **9.00** Fishing (AD)

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Tuesday

LIGHTS, CAMERA, EXHIBITION
The Rijksmuseum show featured
28 Vermeer works, including, left, *Girl
Reading a Letter at an Open Window*



ART Vermeer – the Greatest Exhibition

11.15pm (not STV and Border Scotland) **ITV1** Catch up via **ITVX**

For lovers of meditative Dutch master Johannes Vermeer, this year's exhibition at the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam was, as one review put it, "an unmissable feast". Since only a few dozen of Vermeer's works survive, gathering 28 of them – including *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, *The Milkmaid* and *Girl Reading a Letter at an Open Window* – presented a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for art lovers.

But for those who didn't make it to Amsterdam, ITV1 has a consolation. This feature-length documentary, previously screened in cinemas, offers a sedate private view of the exhibition, the cameras lingering on paintings to capture something of how it feels to stand face-to-face with a Vermeer – but without the distraction of other gallerygoers to peer around or overhear.

Instead, curators and conservators add context and help us explore Vermeer's mastery. One observes that he is essentially a film director, telling stories with every image. "When you stand in front of a Vermeer, time stands still," says another. "The intimacy is so direct it gives you goosebumps." **DAVID BUTCHER**



SOAP EastEnders

7.30pm **BBC1** Catch up via **iPlayer**

Linda Carter made her debut a decade ago, and oh how times have changed for her family in the intervening ten years. She's now facing her first festive season without Mick, but there's also the issue of the kids not coming home and the fact that her mum has a new face.

In fact, one of the few family members to be present is entirely unwelcome – and yes, I'm talking here of Dean, who tonight sends Linda a photo of himself dressed as Father Christmas. Talk about Bad Santa. Needless to say, she lets rip at her tormentor. But what rapist Dean hasn't reckoned on is Keanu telling his daughter Jade that her dad is a sexual predator. Hence her leaving in a state of disgust.

DAVID BROWN

DOCUMENTARY Secrets of the Aquarium

8.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via **iPlayer**

Who knew you could develop an emotional connection with seagrass? "I get very attached to them because they are very much my babies," says seagrass cultivation officer Amelia. After months tending young plants in a lab, she is ready to transfer them to the seabed. But there's a problem. The team's chartered boat has broken down and Amelia's baby plants – and hours of hard work – are now at risk. If they're left on the quayside for too long, they will die.

OK, it might not be as dramatic as some of the scenes we have seen earlier this series – with rays and sharks enduring risky moves between tanks, for instance – but the tension is still surprisingly high.

FRANCES TAYLOR

INTERVIEW Louis Theroux Interviews...

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via **iPlayer**

LAST EPISODE Top Boy star Ashley Walters's youngest daughters are in the kitchen, performing *21 Seconds*, the hit that marked his breakthrough with garage collective So Solid Crew in 2001. It is a typically disarming, intimate opening to another revealing Louis Theroux interrogation, during which the pair discuss Walters's music career, as well as his conviction for carrying a loaded firearm and latter stability as an actor, producer and family man – although, as a recovering alcoholic, Walters is keenly aware that his "messy head" requires "daily maintenance". Still, Theroux – receptive, inquisitive and alert as always – finds the joy. **GABRIEL TATE**

DOCUMENTARY The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

9.00pm **ITV1** Catch up via **ITVX**

LAST EPISODE If you watched last night's programme, you have probably seen more of these celebrities than you ever imagined possible. Be warned, there's more to come. Before they strip off, there are a few wobbles. Each celebrity is going to address the theatre audience about their experiences with cancer and, understandably, it gets tearful. Some of them are very raw emotionally.

However, it's also a right laugh: there is a lot of swearing and the jokes are filthy. Most of the celebs have body issues, so you have to admire them for being brave enough to do this.

JANE RACKHAM

ALSO ON TODAY

Vigil

9.00pm **BBC1**
Kirsten (Rose Leslie) uncovers evidence linking a squadron member to a stabbing on the base. See feature: page 18

Less for More: the Truth about Food Prices

9.00pm **C4**
Dispatches reveals the steps that some supermarkets and suppliers have taken to protect their profits.



Portillo's Andalusia

9.00pm **Channel 5**
Michael Portillo (left) visits the Andalusian capital Seville before completing his tour in Carmona.

HISTORY

Berlin 1933

9.00pm **BBC4**
Full series available on iPlayer

In May 1933, the Nazis began publicly burning books they deemed to be "degenerate". By July, Hitler had banned all other political parties and closed many Jewish businesses. Opponents were arrested and severely beaten or killed.

The last episode of this series uses diary entries and archive footage to chart the dreadful final six months of 1933 as the Nazis tightened their grip on the German people. Betty Scholem writes in a letter to her son: "There is a terribly gloomy mood among the Jews in Germany. There is a fear [the Nazis] won't restrain themselves any more." A diplomat's diary notes, "Hitler considers himself a German messiah." **JR**

LAST EPISODE

ARTS

Wonderland: Gothic

9.00pm **Sky Arts** Catch up via Now

Adrian Munsey's fascinating exploration of Gothic culture concludes with a consideration of its global reach. Hollywood director Tim Burton reflects on how *Frankenstein* changed his life and we also hear about "Imperial Gothic" literature, which saw colonial power influence the work of Rudyard Kipling, Joseph Conrad and Arthur Conan Doyle.

The film looks at the visual aspects of the Gothic phenomenon, as seen in the art of JMW Turner, Henry Fuseli and William Blake. The Gothic Revival in architecture takes in buildings as diverse as Strawberry Hill House, Fonthill Abbey, a Mumbai rail terminus and a Vietnamese cathedral. **MICHAEL HOGAN**

LAST EPISODE

DOCUMENTARY

Kennedy

9.00pm **Sky History**

Catch up via Now
The tragic death of his older brother Joe Junior in 1944 spurred John Fitzgerald Kennedy to take his first step on the political ladder. Despite ill health, he won landslide victories in the House of Representatives and Senate elections of 1946 and 1952 respectively, the latter thanks in no small part to his brother Bobby's work as his campaign manager.

The experts interviewed here are agreed about much of this period: the bond and respect that grew between JFK and Bobby; his enchantment with Jacqueline Bouvier (and her acceptance of his womanising ways); and his determination not to give up on his political goals despite enduring constant pain in his back. **JR**

LIVE SPORT



Football: Champions League Manchester United v Bayern Munich

7.00pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports**
Harry Kane (above) makes his first club appearance on English soil since leaving Spurs. Sport: p31

PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal

5.00pm (k/o 5.45pm) **TNT Sports**
Arsenal ran out 4-0 winners in the reverse fixture in September.

Football: Championship Sunderland v Leeds United

7.30pm (k/o 8pm) **Sky Sports**
Main Event/Football
Action from the Stadium of Light.

FILM OF THE DAY



The Last Bus

11.15pm **BBC2**

Timothy Spall carries this modest, warm-hearted tale of an elderly man who packs his bus pass and his dignity into a small suitcase and takes an epic journey across the UK in tribute to his recently deceased wife. (2021)

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FELIZ NAVIDOG
Will Woodgreen's Helen Prestage find a forever home for Amber?

FACTUAL

The Dog House at Christmas

8.00pm **C4** Catch up via C4 Streaming
Recently, Woodgreen Pets Charity has noticed a significant increase in the number of people who can't afford to keep their dogs. But bearing in mind a dog isn't just for Christmas, the staff reckon there's no better present than finding a dog its forever home.

Despite all the festive decorations, Christmas jumpers and happy-ever-after endings, there's a sad undertone to this programme – partly the stories of

the abandoned dogs, but mainly the poignant reasons the humans want one in their lives.

These canine blind dates can be unpredictable, though, especially when children are involved. Spaniel-cross puppy Jeff, for example, is a ball of energy and initially seems a perfect match for twins Noah and Toby and their younger sister Elena. But their meeting doesn't go quite to plan... **JR**

TUESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show presented by Gethin Jones and Helen Skelton. (S) (HD)
10.00 For Love or Money A woman who lost thousands of pounds to an online mentor. (R) (S) (HD)
10.45 Frontline Fightback The consequences of using a mobile phone while driving. (R) (S) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Whitstable, Bedworth and Torquay. (S) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt In Cheshire. (R) (S) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Bear helps an elderly man who is struggling with his sexuality. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 The Bidding Room Featuring an old croquet set and a vintage Herman Miller chair. (R) (S) (HD)
3.00 Escape to the Country An entrepreneurial couple search for a home in Cornwall. (S) (HD)
3.45 Antiques Road Trip Phil Serrell and Catherine Southon continue their journey through Dorset and into Hampshire. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD)
4.30-5.15 Make It at Market Leatherworker Dani and calligrapher Masooma try turning their crafts into jobs. Repeated tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.20am Antiques Road Trip Motoring through the West Country. Shown Monday 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.05 Make It at Market Shown Mon 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
7.50-8.50 Sign Zone Planet Earth III 1/8. David Attenborough showcases coastal wildlife. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
8.50 Lifeline Jamie Laing presents an appeal on behalf of Campaign Against Living Miserably. Shown Sunday 1.50pm BBC1 (S) (HD) DONATIONS: call 0800 011 011, visit bbc.co.uk/lifeline or post to Freepost, BBC Lifeline Appeal, with Campaign Against Living Miserably on the envelope
9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)
10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics Live The latest stories. (S) (HD)
1.00 Catchpoint Ore Oduba and Kelvin Fletcher take on the Revs Kate Bottley and Richard Coles. (R) (S) (HD)
1.30 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Angellica Bell joins Paul Ainsworth and Catherine Fulvio. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 Wild Brazil The lives of families of capuchin monkeys, giant otters and coaties. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00-5.00 The Real Marigold Hotel Henry Blofeld sets off to find a cure for an old injury. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Guests, gossip and more. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Celebrity interviews, fashion and lifestyle advice. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Fortright opinions. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers visit Walsall, where they discover a collection of 400 First World War postcards. Signed rpt 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00-4.00 Lingo Holly and Rich, Julie and Kelton, and John and Cathy take part in the battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.15am Countdown Bob Harris guests. (R) (S) (HD)
6.55 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
8.10 The King of Queens Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Three episodes of the sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Château DIY at Christmas Festive creative projects. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05pm News** (S) (HD)
12.10 George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure In an *Amazing Spaces* Christmas special, George heads across the pond to explore Alaska. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.10 Jamie's Quick and Easy Christmas The chef shares ideas for simple festive recipes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (S) (HD)
3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun A couple search for a new home in the countryside around Almería.
4.00 Jasmine Harman helps a couple find their dream holiday home in Benalmádena. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

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EastEnders

7.30pm Linda is incensed when she sees a photo of Dean dressed as Santa at the grotto



5.15pm Pointless

Quiz show with Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines

7.00 The One Show

With Jermaine Jenas and Lauren Laverne. (S) (HD)

9 BBC RED BUTTON 7.00-10.30 5 Live Final Score

Champions League commentary from BBC Radio 5 Live

7.30 EastEnders

RT Linda prepares for her first Christmas without Mick. Keanu and Nish come to blows. *EastEnders: the Six - Revealed* is at 10.40pm. **See page 72.**

Linda Carter	Kellie Bright	Tom "Rocky" Cotton	Brian Conley
Keanu Taylor	Danny Walters	Dean Wicks	Matt Di Angelo
Nish Panesar	Navin Chowdhry	Zack Hudson	James Farrar
Sharon Watts	Letitia Dean	Billy Mitchell	Perry Fenwick
Sonia Fowler	Natalie Cassidy	Mitch Baker	Roger Griffiths
Reiss Colwell	Jonny Freeman	Gina Knight	Francesca Henley
Chelsea Fox	Zaraah Abrahams	Vinny Panesar	Shiv Jalota
Howie Daines	Delroy Atkinson	Peter Beale	Thomas Law
Honey Mitchell	Emma Barton	Jack Branning	Scott Maslen
Jay Brown	Jamie Borthwick	Sam Mitchell	Kim Medcalf
Harvey Monroe	Ross Boatman	Phil Mitchell	Steve McFadden
Ben Mitchell	Max Bowden	Whitney Dean	Shona McGarty
Freddie Slater	Bobby Brazier	Bobby Beale	Clay Milner Russell
Finlay Baker	Ashley Byam	Felix Baker	Matthew Morrison
Martin Fowler	James Bye	Bernadette Taylor	Clair Norris
Callum Highway	Tony Clay	Denise Fox	Diane Parish
Cindy Beale	Michelle Collins	Anna Knight	Molly Rainford

Writer Bryan Kirkwood More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Great British Sewing Bee: Celebrity Christmas Special

Sara Pascoe presents as Esme Young and Patrick Grant put Johannes Radebe, Natalie Cassidy, Rosie Ramsey and Penny Lancaster's skills to the test with a pattern for a Christmas apron, a novelty outfit for a baby and a pop star-inspired fancy-dress costume. Director Ivan Youlden

Series producer Catherine Lewendon (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Vigil

3/6 Series 2. Following the stabbing of an officer on the air base, Eliza warns Amy to get control of her investigation. With the force running out of leads, Kirsten follows a hunch and Amy takes a risk. Series 1 and the first three episodes of series 2 are on iPlayer.

Writer Tom Edge Cast on Sunday/Monday Signed repeat Friday 2.40am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.40 EastEnders: the Six - Revealed

RT Joe Swash speaks to Diane Parish, Kellie Bright, Gillian Taylforth, Letitia Dean, Lacey Turner and Balvinder Sopal about the upcoming Christmas Day "whodunnit" storyline in *EastEnders*. **See page 62.**

Shown Monday 8pm BBC3 (S) (AD) (HD)

11.10 Have I Got a Bit More News for You

Naga Munchetty introduces an extended version of last Friday's satirical quiz. (Revised repeat) (S) (HD)

11.55 Man Up ★★★★★

Romantic comedy. Thirty-something singleton Nancy is fed up with her friends' attempts at matchmaking. But when she's mistaken for a blind date by divorcee Jack, she decides to go with the flow. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p79.**

Nancy	Lake Bell	Elaine	Sharon Horgan
Jack	Simon Pegg	Hilary	Olivia Williams
Sean	Rory Kinnear	Ed	Stephen Campbell Moore

Director Ben Palmer (2015, 15) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.20am Grime Kids 5/5. Bishop prepares to face down Donnie. Starring Tienne Simon and Nick Preston. The whole series is available on iPlayer. Shown Monday 10pm BBC3 (S) (HD)

2.15 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)

2.20-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

2

Louis Theroux Interviews...

9.00pm Top boy: actor Ashley Walters talks about his life and work



5.00pm Flog It!

James Lewis and Christina Trevanion value collectibles at the Imperial War Museum Duxford. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

Clare Balding, Ivo Graham, Ugo Monye and Su Pollard test their general knowledge skills. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Fleur East chats to one of the finalists, and Choreography Corner is back for the last time to critique the weekend's performances. (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Soap stars Michelle Hardwick and Amy Robbins hit the road in a 1978 MG to hunt for bargains around Norfolk, with help from Margie Cooper and Izzie Balmer. Purchases such as Victorian boot warmers and a 1950s jukebox are whisked to the showdown auction in Lincoln. Next episode tomorrow 7pm.

Series producer Paul Tasker Executive producers John Redshaw and Joe Sharp (S) (HD)

8.00 Secrets of the Aquarium

RT 5/6. At Plymouth's National Marine Aquarium, Friday the turtle is nipping and harassing the divers when they enter his tank. Can he be distracted by food? Elsewhere, Marcus installs a shark cave with help from the local man who built it, Alf, who becomes the first person to try it out, and Andrew puts in a late shift for the arrival of a new octopus from Portugal. Also tonight, we learn about the seagrass project, the aquarium's biggest conservation scheme. Narrated by Joanna Scanlan. **See page 72.**

Series producer Sue Doody; Executive producer Tim Green (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Louis Theroux Interviews...

RT 6/6 Series 2. Ashley Walters. In the seaside town of Herne Bay in Kent, Louis meets up with actor, director and former rapper Ashley Walters at his family home. With his role as Dushane in the hit series *Top Boy* recently coming to an end, Ashley tells Louis about growing up in Peckham, south-east London, and how he went from attending the Sylvia Young Theatre School to being part of the rap collective So Solid Crew. Ashley also candidly reflects on his brushes with the law, including a life-changing stint in prison. The first series is on iPlayer. **See page 72.**

Director Rachel Lob-Levyt; Series producer Alex Kohler Repeated Thursday 11.15pm (S) (AD) (HD)

9.45 Live at the Apollo

6/7. Stephen Bailey introduces Lara Ricote and Glenn Moore to the stage where they perform their acts in front of a live audience in Hammersmith. Director Paul Wheeler; Producer Anthony Caveney (S) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight

With Victoria Derbyshire. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather

11.15 The Last Bus ★★★★★

Quirky drama starring Timothy Spall and Phyllis Logan. A widowed pensioner sets off from John o' Groats to Land's End by bus to fulfil a promise to spread his wife's ashes near their old family home. Available on iPlayer. **Film of the Day: page 79.**

Tom	Timothy Spall	Doctor Martin	Celyn Jones
Mary	Phyllis Logan	Billy	Brian Pettifer
Fran	Grace Calder		

Director Gillies MacKinnon (2021, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

12.40-3.45am Sign Zone 12.40 Liz Bonnin's Wild Caribbean 4/4. On the final part of her journey, Liz explores the South America coast of the Caribbean. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40 Doctor Who A puppet drives the human race crazy. **See choice, page 42.** Shown Saturday 6.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

2.45 MasterChef: the Professionals The three remaining chefs battle it out in the final. Shown last Friday BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

3

Emmerdale

7.30pm Mack has to confront some raw emotions as he continues to long for his son

**4.00pm Deal or No Deal**

Stephen Mulhern hosts as another contestant takes the hot seat in a bid to beat the Banker. Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Dawn, Maryanne, Stephen and Maurice take on one of the Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)**6.30 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)**7.30 Emmerdale**

Matty tries to conceal the truth about Chloe and Reuben from Mack. Sam and Samson are both looking forward to the festive season.

Matty Barton Ash Palmisciano Bob Hope Tony Audenshaw
Chloe Harris Jessie Elland Brenda Walker Lesley Dunlop
Reuben Harris Cain Dingle Jeff Hordley
Sebastian Kenneth Downes Caleb Miligan William Ash
Mackenzie Boyd Lawrence Robb Charity Dingle Emma Atkins
Sam Dingle James Hooton Charles Anderson Kevin Mathurin
Samson Dingle Sam Hall Chas Dingle Flo Wilson
Aaron Dingle Danny Miller Claudette Anderson Matthew Wolfenden
Amit Sharma Anil Goutam David Metcalfe Olivia Bromley
Arthur Thomas Alfie Clarke Dawn Fletcher Christopher Chittell
Bear Wolf Joshua Richards Eric Pollard Emile John
Bernice Blackstock Samantha Giles Ethan Anderson
Billy Fletcher Jay Kontzle Gabby Thomas Rosie Bentham
Writer Samantha De Vaux More cast Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Martin Lewis Money Show Live

The financial wizard is joined by co-presenter Jeanette Kwakye to share more priceless tips and tricks for dealing with the soaring cost of living. In his final show of the year, Martin will deliver his Christmas round-up, plus there's News You Can Use and another Big Briefing.

Executive producer Mike Blair
Series editor Clare Miller (S) (HD)

9.00 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

RT 2/2. It's the moment of truth for Coleen Nolan and Ashley Banjo as their team of celebrities prepare to bare all in an all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza on the stage of the New Wimbledon Theatre, in an attempt to get people talking about cancer and highlight the importance of checking your body. Alfie Boe and drag queen Ella Vaday lend their support with special performances. After months of training, tears and tantrums, will all the hard work pay off for the celebs? **See page 72.**

Series director Jared Wright; Executive producers Nick Bullen and Glenn Coomber Repeated Friday 11.40pm (S) (AD) (HD)

10.30 ITV News

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

11.15 Vermeer: the Greatest Exhibition

RT In the spring of 2023, the Rijksmuseum in Amsterdam staged the biggest exhibition of artworks by Johannes Vermeer in history. Tickets sold out within days, but this film gives art lovers the chance to see many of the Dutch artist's most celebrated masterpieces, including *Girl with a Pearl Earring* and *The Geographer*, accompanied by the curators of the exhibition and the director of the Rijksmuseum. **See p72.**

Director David Bickerstaff
Producer Phil Grabsky (S) (AD) (HD)

12.55am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal The dealers look for treasure in Walsall. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

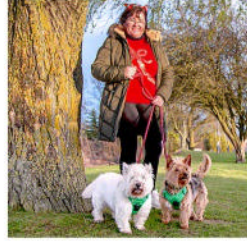
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Channel 4

4
7 in Wales**The Dog House**

at Christmas
8.00pm Double trouble: nurse Lynne and her canine companions

**5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas**

Kirstie Allsopp demonstrates how to make a simple but effective memory book. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

Good first impressions don't last long at the Lion and Swan in Congleton, Cheshire. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons**Three Scenes Plus a Tag from a Marriage**

Homer and Marge reveal how they ended up being miserable parents. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)**8.00 The Dog House at Christmas**

RT Christmas is approaching at Woodgreen Pets Charity and the time has come for some festive matchmaking. Twins Noah and Toby don't like to share, but luckily for them, spaniel cross puppy Jeff loves to overshare whenever possible. Nurse Lynne would like film star Gerard Butler in her stocking, but the next best thing is a dog – or two. Jazz's Christmas wish is for a cuddly companion for dad Daran. Could patteredale cross Crackers be the one? **See page 73.**

Series producer Claudia Webster; Exec producer Nick Mirsky
Repeated Wednesday 11.05pm 4seven (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Less for More: the Truth about Food Prices

In a *Dispatches* investigation, Harry Wallop examines Britain's soaring food prices, revealing how supermarkets and suppliers have reacted to protect their profits, including how some products have secretly been reformulated, with cheaper ingredients replacing more expensive ones. Harry investigates why prices have risen the most on budget lines, and learns how loyalty card discounts are really funded – and why they're not always what they're cracked up to be. **Director/Producer** Tim Dowse (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Gogglebox

An episode from March, originally shown to mark the tenth anniversary of the series, with highlights from former *Gogglebox* stars Steph and Dom, Leon and June, and Sandi and Sandra, along with insights from current armchair critics Pete and Sophie, Mary and Giles, Jenny and Lee, and the Siddiqui family. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 The armchair critics share their opinions on what they have been watching during the week, with cameras capturing their instant reactions and the lively discussions that are prompted by the week's biggest and best shows. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon and his team try to save La Serenata in Los Angeles from the brink of disaster. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.25 First Dates Hotel Cambridge academic Michael meets Oxford graduate Shyam. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

2.20 Breakthrough ★★★ Religious drama based on a true story. Joyce and Brian Smith are horrified when their teenage son suffers a terrible accident and is placed in a coma. The outlook is bleak – but Joyce believes that, through sheer hope and prayer, she can bring her boy back to life. **Review page 79.**

Joyce Smith Chrissy Metz Brian Smith Josh Lucas
Pastor John Noble Topher Grace Cindy Reiger Rebecca Staab
Tommy Shine Mike Colter Paula Noble Lisa Durupt
Director Roxann Dawson (2019, 12) (S) (HD)

4.15 Couples Come Dine with Me Three couples battle for the £1,000 prize in south London. (R) (S) (HD)

5.10 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp is taught how to knit Christmas baubles. (R) (S) (HD)

5.20-6.15am Food Unwrapped's Christmas Cracker Kate Quilton tries out different glazes for ham. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

9
24 in Scotland**Berlin 1933**

9.00pm As Hitler consolidates power, Germany becomes ever more isolated

**7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys**

Saxmundham to Norwich. Stopping at Saxmundham in Suffolk, Michael Portillo heads to Snape Maltings and learns about one of Britain's greatest composers. In Norwich, he hears how a women's shoe put the city on the front foot. Continues tomorrow 7pm. Repeated 1.45am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Walking with Jim Moir

Jim Moir, aka Vic Reeves, explores the peninsula of Dungeness in Kent. Walking along the shingle and sand from Littlestone to Dungeness, he visits the concrete ruins of the "sound mirrors". More tomorrow 7.30pm.

Director/Series producer Cy Chadwick
Repeated 2.15am (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Yes Minister

5/8 Series 3. The Bed of Nails. Jim is saddled with the impossible job of developing his government's integrated national transport policy. (R) (S) (HD)

8.30 6/8. The Whisky Priest. Hacker learns of an illegal arms deal. Both episodes first shown in 1982.

Writers Antony Jay and Jonathan Lynn
Director Peter Whitmore (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 Berlin 1933

RT 3/3. Documenting Hitler's celebration at Nuremberg, as Germany becomes increasingly isolated from abroad, exploring how political opposition was outlawed and when Göring took the stand at the Reichstag fire trial. Plus a look at the meeting between William E. Dodd and Hitler, as he itches for conflict. The whole series is on iPlayer. **See p73.**

Repeated 2.45am (S) (HD)

9.55 Napoleon's Last Battle: Timewatch

Exploring Napoleon's life and his vision of a united Europe, focusing on his defeat at Waterloo and exile to St Helena, where he fought his last battle with words. From 1990.

Napoleon Kenneth Colley
Count de Las Cases John Normington
Dr Barry O'Meara Ian McNeice

Writer Leigh Jackson; Director Neil Cameron
Rptd Thursday 2.55am First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

11.00 How to Make a Royal Marines Officer

1/2. Documenting the progress of 29 men at the Commando Training Centre aiming to be Royal Marines. (R) (S) (HD)

11.50 2/2. The men continue their training, believed to be the toughest in the world. First broadcast in 1989. Both episodes are on iPlayer.

Director Ian Wooldridge; Producer Michael Begg
Both episodes first shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

12.40am Imagine... Anselm Kiefer: Remembering the Future Alan Yentob joins the acclaimed German artist at his studios. From 2014. First shown on BBC1 (S) (HD)

1.45 Great British Railway Journeys Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

2.15 Walking with Jim Moir Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD)

2.45-3.40am Berlin 1933 Shown 9pm (S) (HD)

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BBC1 SCOTLAND

7.00-7.30pm River City: Sonny panics when he can't find Maggie
10.40 The Scotts: Laura throws a murder mystery party
11.10 EastEnders: the Six – Revealed
11.40 The Edit
11.55 Have I Got a Bit More News for You
12.40am FILM: Man Up
2.05 Such Brave Girls
2.30 Weather for the Week Ahead
2.35-6.00 BBC News

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm Who Lives in Scotland?: the declining birth rate in Scotland
8.00 Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby
9.00 The Nine
10.00 David Wilson's Crime Files: Scams and Scandals
10.30 Paramedics on Scene: a man collapses at work due to Covid-19
11.30-12 midnight Darren McGarvey's Scotland: in Aberdeen

STV

10.30pm ITV News; STV News; Weather
11.10 Scotland Tonight
11.35 FILM: Central Intelligence **1.20-3.00am** Night Vision
3.50-5.05 Night Vision

ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND

11.15pm Representing Border: political news
11.40 James Martin's French Adventure
12.30-12.55am The Way We Were

BBC2 WALES

1.00pm The Boss
1.45 First Minister's Questions: coverage from the Senedd
2.45 Catchpoint
3.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever
4.00 Wild Brazil
5.00-6.00 The Real Marigold Hotel
7.00-8.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

TUESDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Portillo's Andalucia 9.00pm As his journey ends, Michael explores Seville

5.35am Milkshake! See page 78

9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD)

12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 One Delicious Christmas ★★

P Romantic drama starring Vanessa Marano. A woman enlists a hot-shot chef to help at her parents' restaurant. Director Stacey N Harding (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Making Spirits Bright ★★

P Romantic drama starring Taylor Cole and Carlo Marks. A town competition offers two festive decorators a chance to bring their feuding families together. Director David Bercovici-Artieda (2021) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 1/10 Series 2. Graeme Hall comes to the rescue of a pair of dachshunds that are in need of reconciliation. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed

Ep 11. In Newton Abbot, a pensioner has an envelope of money stolen from her bag. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Winter on the Farm

2/4 Series 3. Rob and Dave Nicholson head out to buy an alpaca and a billy goat for the farm, while JB Gill travels to Devon to learn more about a water vole conservation project. And chef Tim Bilton goes head to head with an automatic soup-making machine. Director Lewis Wright (S) (HD)

9.00 Portillo's Andalucia

6/6. Michael visits the Andalusian capital Seville, where he visits the cathedral and tries his hand at Phoenician glasswork, before meeting one of Spain's few female bullfighters. His tour comes to an end in the ancient town of Carmona, where he throws a party for his Spanish friends. Executive producer Charlie Bunce (S) (HD)

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10.00 Reported Missing: What Happened to Lynda Spence?

Examining the disappearance of Glasgow financial advisor Lynda Spence, who was 27 when she vanished in 2011. (R) (S) (HD)

11.35 Cause of Death

5/6 Series 2. The team investigate the deaths of a 26-year-old man who was rushed to hospital after experiencing seizures and a 50-year-old man who collapsed at work having felt unwell. Shown last Wednesday (S) (HD)

12.30am Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S) (HD) **1.25 Casino** (S) (HD)

3.25 Friends (R) (S) (AD) **4.10 Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild: Ben meets a couple in Ireland** (R) (S) (HD) **5.05 Wildlife SOS** (R) (S) (SL)

5.30-5.35am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC3

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The Notebook 9.00pm Romance blossoms between Noah and Allie

7.00pm Top Gear

Matt LeBlanc, Chris Harris and Rory Reid race across Kazakhstan in high-mileage cars. More tomorrow 7pm. (S) (HD) Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

2/6 Series 1. The couple have their first lovers' tiff and Gavin is so beside himself with worry that he drives all the way to Barry Island to make amends. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 6/6.** The couple announce their engagement, and the families unite for a party. More tomorrow 8pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Notebook ★★

P Romantic drama with Ryan Gosling. The story of an ill-fated teenage romance helps an old man to bring the love of his life back from the shadowlands of dementia. Available on iPlayer for 18 days. Director Nick Cassavetes (2003, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

10.55 Santa Claus: the Serial Killer

5/6. Mobeen Azhar focuses on two victims that break Bruce McArthur's MO. (S) (HD) **11.25 6/6.** The investigation nears its conclusion. The series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

11.55 Such Brave Girls

5/6. Deb, Billie and Josie find their own ways to process death. (S) (AD) (HD) **12.25am 6/6.** Josie and Billie prepare to see their dad again. The whole series is available on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.50 The Rap Game UK: the winner is announced (S) (HD) **1.50 Grime Kids** (S) (HD) **2.50 People Just Do Nothing** (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **3.20-3.50am Gavin & Stacey** (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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ITV2

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6.00am CITV (S) (HD) **9.00 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records** (S) (HD) **10.00 Secret Crush** (S) (HD) **11.00 Dress to Impress** (S) (HD)

12 noon Dinner Date (S) (HD) **1.00pm Family Fortunes** (S) (HD) **2.00 Supermarket Sweep** (S) (HD) **3.00 Secret Crush** (S) (HD) **4.00 Dress to Impress** (S) (HD) **5.00 Dinner Date** (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Christmas Special Jordan Banjo, Helen George and Harry Redknapp try to guess the familiar phrases depicted by animated clues. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special Strictly head judge Shirley Ballas takes on Vogue Williams and her husband Spencer Matthews. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 8. The kids suspect the thief might be a character from a folk tale told to them by Teddy. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 Tina** gets her heart broken, so Linda and Louise attempt to cheer her up. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Unseen Bits Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix re-live their epic road trips. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Plebs 7/8 Series 2. The boys bump into an old schoolmate Fabianus. (S) (AD) (HD) **10.30 8/8.** Marcus is downbeat after hearing that Cynthia and Metalla will be deported unless they raise 3,000 denarii. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.00 Family Guy Series 13. Peter throws Jesus a birthday party. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.30 Series 10.** Lois prepares a Thanksgiving meal for friends and family. (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight American Dad! (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am Don't Hate the Playaz:** Jordan Stephens hosts (S) (HD) **1.45 Unwind** (S) (HD) **3.00 Home Shopping** (S) (HD) **5.15-6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

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ITV3

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Heartbeat 6.55pm Nick struggles to keep the peace between neighbours

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the Twain: David and Lyn drop hints about moving; **8.40** The dealers compete to provide domestic comforts. (S) **9.10** Wild at Heart: **5/11 Series 7.** Du Plessis believes he is being haunted by the ghost of Peeters

Repeated 12.10am; **10.15 6/11.** Du Plessis sets out to prove Danny's innocence. Repeated 1.15am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.20 Maigret: 6/6 Series 1** Maigret Sets a Trap. A serial killer terrorises the women of Montmartre (S) (AD)

12.25pm Heartbeat: 7/15. Gina becomes suspicious about her customers (S) (AD) **1.30** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Viv organises a community meeting to discuss Frank Bernard, then Diane is fed up with Jack and Robert's fussing (S) **2.30** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Steve begs Tracy to forget her feelings for him, then Kirk and Tyrone call a truce (S) (AD) **3.30** Midsomer Murders: Series 9. *Dead Letters.* A woman is found drowned during a local carnival (S) (AD)

5.25pm Downton Abbey **7/7 Series 1.** Cora makes a discovery that throws the inheritance into chaos and Mary is prompted to keep Matthew waiting for an answer to his proposal. Series two starts tomorrow 5.25pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat **8/15 Series 5.** Nick tries to keep some feuding neighbours civilised, and Greengrass wins first prize in a raffle. (S) (AD)

8.00 Midsomer Murders Series 22. **Happy Families.** When the owners of a board-game company gather for a murder mystery weekend, the immersive experience takes a puzzling twist when a killer strikes for real. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Grantchester **5/8 Series 6.** Will and Georgie are called on to investigate a robbery. (S) (AD) (HD) **11.05 6/8.** Will and Georgie discover a death is not as accidental as it first appears. Continues tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Wild at Heart. Shown 9.10am/10.15am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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ITV4

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6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) **6.05** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.10** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI: Thomas is torn between two sisters (S) (HD) **11.20 BattleBots** (S) (HD)

12.20pm The Champions (S) **1.30** Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.35** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney: Carter's wife is targeted (S) **4.45** Minder (S) (AD) **5.50** BattleBots (S) (HD)

6.55pm Best of Saint and Greavsie A look back at some of the most memorable moments from the popular series. (S) (HD) **7.55 The Chase Celebrity Special** Ronni Ancona, Joel Dommett, Adam Gemili and Dave Johns take on one of the Chasers. (S) (HD)

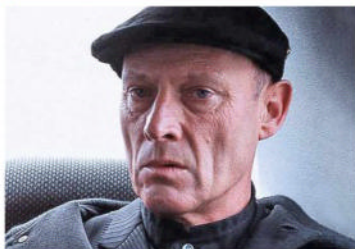
9.00 FILM Sudden Death ★★ Action thriller starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. A fire officer and his children are looking forward to an ice hockey game, also attended by America's vice-president. But terrorists take control of the building. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 New. All Elite Wrestling: Collision Hard-hitting wrestling action. (S) (HD) **1.20am** Auto Mundial (S) (HD) **1.50** Motorsport Mundial (S) (HD) **2.15** The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) **2.45-3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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Drama

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New Tricks 10.00pm Chopper Hadley (Patrick Malahide) returns to the UK

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Repeated 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Ben helps a student preparing for fatherhood, then Mac offers his advice **9.20** Classic Holby City: a new registrar is determined to modernise the ward. Repeated 2.55am (S) (HD)

10.40 Casualty: a mystery illness causes concern for Baz and Eddie **11.50** The Bill: Gina gives Kerry an ultimatum (S)

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Paul finds coaching the basketball team more challenging than he expected, then Dot returns to hospital for her test results **2.05** Pie in the Sky: **4/8 Series 5.** A police chief's son is attacked (S) **3.05** Bergerac: **1/11 Series 8.** An international trade fair takes place on the island **4.15** All Creatures Great and Small: **4/12 Series 6.** The Nelson Touch James wins the football pools. Shown 7.10am

5.25 The Upper Hand: **5/14 Series 6** Charlie meets Joanna's new boyfriend

6.00pm 'Allo 'Allo! **6/6 Series 9.** A Winkle in Time. The end of the war sees René, Edith and the gang welcoming in the Allied troops. (S)

6.40 Last of the Summer Wine Series 24. **Ancient Eastern Wisdom: an introduction.** Truly and Clegg are enlightened by a handyman from Hull. (S)

7.20 A Pick-Up of the Later Ming Dynasty. Barry's car breaks down. (S)

8.00 Dalziel & Pascoe **3/4 Series 3.** Bones and Silence. Dalziel witnesses a shooting and rushes to the scene to find a dead woman, whose husband is suspected of being responsible. (S) (AD)

10.00 New Tricks **4/8 Series 3.** Diamond Geezers. The team tracks a vicious criminal. (S) (AD)

11.20 Silent Witness **Ep 1 Series 24.** Redemption. As the team investigates a second death, Nikki's theory starts to fall apart. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40am The Paradise: **2/8.** Sam comes to a customer's rescue (HD) **2.55-4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

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ITVBe

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7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney and Dave (S) (HD) **9.00** LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) **12.25pm** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD) **1.20** The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake: Holiday (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05 New.** The Real Housewives of Dubai (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM The Holiday Proposal Plan ★★ Festive romantic comedy starring Tatyana Ali and Jesse Kove. Ex-partners Sonny and Kim team up to help their friends get engaged and, in the process, start to rekindle their own romance. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Christmas Dinner Date Tyler from Surrey is given five menus. (S) (AD) (HD) **9.00** **Totally Unbelievable: Celebrity Holiday Hotspots** The hottest super-rich celebrity holiday getaways. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk hosts the dating reality show. (S) (HD) **11.10** **The Cabins** One couple attempts to harness the love language of touch. (S) (HD)

12.10am The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **12.55-1.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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More4

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Brain Surgeons: between Life and Death 10.00pm Dan undergoes surgery

8.55am Kirstie's Handmade Treasures **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flop It: double bill **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm** **Escape to the Château** Dick and Angel are battering down the hatches for winter. At a festival, they look for inspiration on what to do with all their ripe fruit. (AD) **7.55** **Grand Designs** In Cornwall, Kevin McCloud meets former skydivers Leigh and Richard, who have fallen in love with a listed but derelict 17th-century flour mill. (AD) **9.00** **24 Hours in A&E** The doctors at St George's are concerned that Dave, 56, may have suffered life-changing damage to his spine after falling from a ladder. (AD) **10.00** **Brain Surgeons: between Life and Death** Dan, aged 30, and Laura, 39, undergo brain surgery. But will they be the same people after the surgery is completed? (AD) **11.05** **Swingers** With hundreds of thousands of Brits reportedly on the swinging scene, this documentary meets men and women from all sorts of backgrounds attending a Valentine's Day party at one of the most popular swingers' clubs in the country. (AD) **12.10am** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **1.15** Brain Surgeons: Between Life and Death (AD) **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun: a search for a home in Antigua

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E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Thu/Fri (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** **The Big Bang Theory 21/24** Series 6. Amy tries to help Sheldon. (AD) **6.30** **22/24**. Leonard and Sheldon hire a former TV host to entertain them. (AD) **7.00** **Hollyoaks** Yazz unleashes some cruel words on her mum. Repeated Thu 6.30am (AD) **7.30** **Young Sheldon 8/22** Series 5. Mary finds Georgie working at a gambling room. (AD) **8.00** **Modern Family 14/24** Series 1. Claire is made to feel inadequate when a friend visits. **8.30** **15/24**. Claire plans a special trip. **9.00** **Gogglebox** Opinions on TV shows. (AD) **10.00** **New. Rick and Morty** Series 7. Rick seeks the infinite, while Morty helps. (AD) **10.35** **New. Harley Quinn** Series 4. Harley attempts to track down Batgirl. (AD) **11.00** **New**. Ivy tries to take down the Jons. (AD) **11.35** **First Dates** A 90-year-old visits. (AD) **12.35am** Gogglebox (SL) (AD) **1.45** Married at First Sight: Australia **3.10** Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) **4.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **4.50-6.00am** The Neighborhood: double bill

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Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Repair Shop **10.00** Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun (AD) **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Dr Pimple Popper **10.00** **New**. 90 Day Fiancé **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Home Shopping **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters **Really** Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

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Sky Arts

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Wonderland: Gothic 9.00pm Gothic revival villa Strawberry Hill

6.00am Gilbert and Sullivan: a Motley Pair **6.30** Bruckner Cycle **7.50** The Joy of Painting **8.50** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Kate Winslet: a profile of the actress **12 noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Landscape Artist of the Year Canada **3.00** The Lot of Fun: Where the Movies Learned to Laugh **4.00** Discovering Film **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00pm** **Tales of the Unexpected** A safebreaker is hired by a woman. (AD) **6.30** An American searches for his family. (AD) **7.00** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A carnival worker buys a monkey for his sideshow. **7.30** A college fraternity makes up one of their members to look as if he is dead. **8.00** **Classic Literature and Cinema** Film adaptations of great literary works, exploring the most gripping myths and legends. (AD) **9.00** **CHOICE New. Wonderland: Gothic** A look at the Gothic revival in architecture, taking in buildings as diverse as Strawberry Hill, St Pancras Station and a cathedral in Vietnam. **See page 73.** (AD) **10.00** **Classic Albums** The making of Fleetwood Mac's 1977 album *Rumours*. **11.15** **Kubrick by Kubrick** A look at the life and films of director Stanley Kubrick. (AD) **12.55am** Discovering: Sean Penn **1.55** The Art of the Joy of Sex (AD) **2.50** Why Do We Dance? **4.00** Steve Pemberton & Reece Shearsmith **5.00-6.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival **Sky Arts** Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: in west London **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.30pm** A Place in the Sun **2.35** Come Dine with Me **5.00** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** Danni Menzies helps a pair find a home in La Duquesa. **7.00** **Jamie's Quick and Easy Christmas** Festive recipes from just five ingredients. (AD) **8.00** **Kirstie's Handmade Christmas** Kirstie Allsopp is giving her Christmas HQ a makeover, featuring window decorations and a wreath. **See choice, p53.** Shown Sun 8pm C4 (AD) **9.00** **24 Hours in Police Custody** Following Bedfordshire Police, from the cells at Luton to the operational heart of major investigations. Shown Sunday 9pm Channel 4 **10.05** **FILM "Crocodile" Dundee** ★★★★★ Comedy adventure starring Paul Hogan and Linda Kozlowski. Australian folk hero Mick "Crocodile" Dundee joins American reporter Sue Charlton in New York to taste the urban jungle. **Review p49.** Shown Sat 5.10pm C4 (AD) **11.55** **FILM "Crocodile" Dundee II** ★★★★★ Comedy adventure sequel to the 1986 hit, starring Paul Hogan. Shown Sun 4.50pm C4 (AD) **2.05am** The Dog House at Christmas **3.10** Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts (AD) **4.15-5.00am** How Safe Is Your Turkey? Dispatches (AD)

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.30** **New**. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **12 noon** How Do They Do It? **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flop It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** **New**. Mysteries of the Deep **10.00** **New**. Massive Engineering Mistakes **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air 999 **2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made **Quest** Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Tony Robinson's Marvellous Machines 8.00pm A look at green innovations

6.10am Secrets of the Railways (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: the Nazi occupation of Holland **6.00pm** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo travels from Lyon to Marseille on the Mediterranean coast. **7.00** **Antiques Roadshow** At Bowood House in Wiltshire, the experts examine an 18th-century box engraved with a secret code. **8.00** **New. Tony Robinson's Marvellous Machines 6/6.** Tony looks at innovative machines leading the green revolution, including a hydrogen-powered car. (AD) **9.00** **Bangers and Cash** Auctioneer Derek hits the road to collect a near-perfect 1950s Chevrolet panel van and a Capri. **10.00** Office manager Sarah attempts to bring order to the auto memorabilia sale. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** Exploring a series of vaults hidden from view that tell a murky story in Edinburgh. (AD) **12 midnight** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00-3.00am** Secrets of the Railways (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure: Dave and Si head to Thailand **6.00pm** **Rick Stein's Road to Mexico** The chef travels through LA and into San Diego. **7.00** **Richard Osman's House of Games** Rickie Haywood-Williams, Sally Phillips, Vikki Stone and Dan Walker take part. **7.40** With Jay Blades, Shaun Keaveny, Rachel Parris and Jan Ravens. **8.20** **Would I Lie to You?** With Sindhu Vee, Joel Dommett, Alex Horne and AJ Odudu. **9.00** **QI XL** Stephen Fry is joined by Sandi Toksvig, John Lloyd and Johnny Vegas. **10.00** **Have I Got a Bit More News for You** Clive Myrie hosts, with Ian Hislop and Paul Merton joined by Jo Brand and Katy Balls. **11.00** Steph McGovern hosts, with Jamie MacDonald and Professor Hannah Fry. **12 midnight** Mock the Week **12.40am** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Richard Osman's House of Games **2.00** Meet the Richardsons (AD) **3.00-4.00am** Comedians Giving Lectures **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave Ja Vu** Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line: double bill **3.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill (AD) **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** **New**. NCIS: Los Angeles: First shown on Sky Max **9.00** **New**. The Equalizer: McCall tries to find a mathematician who has gone missing. First shown on Sky Witness (AD) **10.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer (AD) **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** World's Most Evil Killers **1.00am** The Force: North East **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol: double bill **5.00-6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill **Sky Mix** Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order **1.55pm** Entertainment News **2.00** Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS Series 14. Triple bill. The team tries to find the source of a series of threats against a congresswoman **7.00** The murder of a US Navy captain is linked to Ducky's late mother **8.00** An operation to apprehend a businessman guilty of using terror to manipulate the stock market is compromised (AD) **9.00** Law & Order Series 20. Double bill **11.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11. **12 midnight** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit **2.50am** Lucifer: Lucifer makes a discovery **3.35-4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught On Camera: a high-speed chase in Chester

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops: double bill **2.05** Police Interceptors (AD) **5.10pm** **FILM** The Christmas Temp ★★ Romantic comedy starring Sara Canning **7.00** **GPs: behind Closed Doors** Dr Thomas thinks a patient with a stomach complaint may be carrying a bacterium. (AD) **8.00** **New. GPs: Behind Closed Doors** Documentary providing an insight into the work of doctors at a medical practice **9.00** **A&E after Dark** On his way home from work, Dr Chris comes across a motorcycle that has crashed into some railings. **10.00** **Ambulance: Code Red** Dr Taylor and critical care paramedic Aiden work with the fire and ambulance services to rescue a boy trapped in the wreckage of a car. (AD) **11.00** **Cold Case Killers** Exploring the death of Cassandra McDermott in 2001. **12.05am** Revenge: three episodes **2.50-3.00am** Entertainment News **5 Star** Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera **9.30** Trucking Hell **10.30** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.35** **FILM** North West Mounted Police ★★ period adventure starring Gary Cooper and directed by Cecil B DeMille **2.00pm** **FILM** Raid on Rommel ★★ War drama starring Richard Burton and John Colicos (w) **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **6.00pm** **Police Interceptors** Hayley and Ben rush to the scene of a motorway crash and dog handler Barry bags a burglar. **7.00** Russ and John pull over a drunken driver who has left a trail of destruction. **8.00** Andy deals with criminal damage. **9.00** **Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** PCs Matt Turner and Ian Cosgrove head to the scene of a collision in Middlewich. **10.00** **New. Ice Cold Catch** A defence contractor pursues a highly-paid fishing job. **11.00** **World's Deadliest Weather: Caught on Camera** Cameras witness the damage as a tsunami crashes into the coast of Chile. **12 midnight** Neighbours at War: Caught on Camera **1.00-3.00am** Ultimate Police Interceptors **5 Action** Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

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9.00am Cash in the Attic **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** **FILM** A Heavenly Christmas ★★ **1.55pm** Entertainment News **2.00** The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **6.00pm** **World War I in Colour** The Germans' rout of the Russian Second Army in 1914. **7.00** **Walking Wartime Britain** Arthur Williams finds out about the Blitz spirit. **7.30** **The Big White Christmas of '81** The story of December 1981, with unseen archive. **9.00** **Countdown to Disaster** The White Island eruption through the eyes of survivors. **10.00** **Air Crash: Disaster Revealed** A cargo plane hit by a missile over Iraq. **11.00** A Japan Airlines 747 crash in 1985. **12 midnight** Forged in Fire (AD) **1.55am** Nazi Megastructures **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News **5 Select** F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

TUESDAY Freeview & films



Inside the Ambulance at Christmas 8.00pm Laura

6.10am Nigel Slater's Dish of the Day **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **11.00** DIY SOS: Veteran Street **12 noon** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Drew and Jonathan Scott help couples renovate their properties. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build The team helps a couple whose 24-year-old son is living in hospital.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Heavy snow in the West Midlands causes problems.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E Silas works his first shift in resus. **10.00** A woman with severe autism is brought in by her sister.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A horse rider is hit by a car. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute **2.00-3.00am** The Haiky Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

W F View 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) **Virgin 125 +1** Sky 232 (233 Scotland) **Virgin 325**

HGTV 44

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** New. Bargain Mansions (AD) **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **9.00** New. Windy City Rehab: Alison's Dream Home (AD) **10.00** New. Revealed **11.00** Bargain Mansions (AD) **12 midnight** as 11am **1.00am** as 5pm **2.00** as 3pm (AD) **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F View 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 **+1** Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian Adventure **7.00** Shine On Harvey Moon **8.00** Never the Twin **8.30** After Henry **9.00** The Brothers McGregor **10.00** The Avengers (BW) **11.15** Kate Humble: Off the Beaten Track **12 noon** The Real Eastenders **1.00pm** FILM *Geordie* ★★ ★★ Drama set in the Highlands of Scotland **3.00** FILM *It's a Grand Life* ★★ (BW) **5.00** Castle Builders **6.00** London Live News **7.00** The Sandbaggers **8.00** Revolution in Colour **9.00** Murder Maps **10.00** Murder Most Horrid **10.45** Dangerous Davies: The Last Detective **1.00am** Mr Harvey Lights a Candle **1.50** FILM *The Marked One* ★ **4.10** London Districts **4.30** Never the Twin **5.00-6.00am** Shine On Harvey Moon

London Live F View 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



The Great British Christmas Menu 9.00pm Tim Spector

6.00am New. The Kitchen **7.00** Buddy's Big Baked Off **8.00** The Great British Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **10.30** Giada's Holiday Handbook **11.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **12 noon** Home Sweet Home: New Holiday Faves **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Tom Kerridge's Christmas Dinner **2.30** The Great British Bake Off **3.30** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **4.30** The Great British Christmas Menu **6.00** The Great British Bake Off **7.00** New. Marcus Wareing at Christmas **7.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas **8.00** Gordon Ramsay's Ultimate Christmas **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **11.00** New series. Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: Tiffani Faison welcomes her fellow judges to second helpings **12 midnight** Buddy vs Christmas **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Cake Wars: Christmas

Food Network F View 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) **Virgin 190 +1** Sky 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **9.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle **1.00pm** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill. Jessica investigates the death of an accountant, then witchcraft comes to Cabot Cove **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M*A*S*H **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News

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True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written in Blood **1.00pm** See No Evil **3.00** Medical Detectives **5.00** Written in Blood: double bill. Simon Toyne travels to Cheshire to investigate crimes that took place in a remote barn house, then visits Manchester to examine gang violence and turf wars **7.00** Judge Judy: real-life small-claims cases **1.00am** Written in Blood **3.00** See No Evil **4.50** Medical Detectives **5.40-6.00am** Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Education Questions **8.00** House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees **11.30** Live Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Questions **12.30pm** Live House of Commons: the day's proceedings in the House of Commons **7.30** Live House of Lords: proceedings in the Lords **10.00** Welsh First Minister's Questions **11.00** Lords Questions **11.40-7.00am** House of Lords

BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 545 Virgin 605

PBS America 84



The American Führer 9.40pm Profile of Fritz Kuhn

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created **6.55** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** The World after Stonehenge **9.40** Asteroid Rush **10.50** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **12 noon** The American Führer **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.45** The World after Stonehenge **2.55** Asteroid Rush **4.00** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **5.10** The American Führer

6.15pm The World after Stonehenge 3/4. Roman Britain.

7.20 Asteroid Rush 2/2. The science of the film *Don't Look Up*.

8.30 Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour Under the Nazis 2/3 The system becomes more extreme.

9.40 The American Führer The story of a German emigrant who stylised himself as Hitler's deputy.

10.35 Asteroid Rush As 7.20pm. **12 midnight** as 8.30pm **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** as 6.15pm **2.45** The American Führer **3.35** Plane Crash Re-created **4.30** Jazz

5.35-6.00am Beautiful Serengeti **PBS America F** View 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) **Freesat 155** Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.20** Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.30** New. Container Wars: the fast-paced world of shipping port auctions, where bidders need nerves of steel to beat their rivals **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: from Lincolnshire **9.00** National Park Mysteries: ghosts in Cleveland National Forest **10.00** Uncharted Mysteries **11.00** The Proof is Out There: two editions **12 midnight** Hunting Nazi Treasure **1.00am** Digging for Britain **2.00** Irish Pickers **3.00** as 8pm **3.45** Storage Wars **4.10** Air Crash: Disasters Uncovered **5.00-6.00am** Pawn Stars

Blaze F View 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire quiz where players answer questions to add to a prize pot, voting off who they believe to be the weakest link after each round **8.00** The Chase **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: Chris Tarrant hosts the big-prize quiz, inviting another line-up of contestants to answer a series of questions that could change their lives **11.00** Tenable **12 midnight** Weakest Link **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye: double bill

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pip and Posy **5.45** Paw Patrol **6.00** New. Milkshake! News **6.10** Milkshake! Badgers: Their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy **6.35** Odo **6.40** Tweedy & Fluff **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Pip and Posy **7.40** The Adventures of Paddington **8.00** New. Animal Care Club **8.15** New. Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05-9.15am** New. Milkshake! Jen's Jolly Bakes

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurus **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.50** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.40** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.05** Octonauts **8.15** The Gruffalo **8.40** Numberblocks **8.50** Alphablocks **8.55** Nick Cope's Popcast **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yacka Dee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Diddap **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Toddler Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** New. Olga Da Polga **10.50** Gecko's Garage **10.55** Bluey **11.00** Supertato **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** Nick Cope's Popcast **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle **12.30** Get Well Soon **12.40** Andy's Safari Adventures **1.00** Yacka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Hey Duggee **1.25** Love Monster **1.40** Colourblocks **1.45** Something Special **2.00** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Diddap **2.25** Supertato **2.30** Go Jetters **2.45** Maddy's Do You Know? **3.00** Andy's Safari Adventures **3.15** New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00** New. Dog Squad **4.10** Eco Quest **4.15** Minis **4.15** The Game Catchers **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Go Jetters **4.55** Chuggington **5.20** Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf **5.25** Sarah & Duck **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

CBeebies F View 202 F'sat 608 Sky 608 Virgin 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzly and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.20** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.35** Andy and the Band **9.50** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **10.00** Lagging **10.20** What's Cooking Omar? **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bitesize **11.20** Out of This World **11.30** Our Boarding School **11.55** Danger Mouse: Yule Idi Watch Twice **12.15pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.50** Dennis & Gnasher **1.25** Grizzly and the Lemmings **1.40** Summer Camp Island **1.50** Blue Peter **2.20** Jamie Johnson FC **2.50** Nikki Lilly Bakes **2.55** The Zoo **3.10** The Deep **3.30** Danger Mouse **3.40** Ninja Express **3.55** Taffy **4.00** Grizzly and the Lemmings **4.15** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05** New. Total Dramarama **5.30** Millie Inbetween **6.00** 4 o'Clock Club **6.30** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **6.35-7.00pm** The Next Step

CBBC F View 201 F'sat 607 Sky 607 Virgin 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2 **6.00am** DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.45-9.00am** Scooby-Doo

ITVBe **9.00am** Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder: two episodes **11.15** New. Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am Dragoon Wells Massacre ★★ A band of travellers is stalked by Apaches in this rudimentary western. Barry Sullivan (1957, PG) (S) (AD)

12.45pm An Affair to Remember ★★ ★★ Stylish romance in which a couple test the strength of their love by separating for six months. Cary Grant, Deborah Kerr (1957, U) (S)

3.00 Bugles in the Afternoon ★★ Ray Milland looks uncomfortable out west in Roy Rowland's routine love-triangle western. (1952, U) (S) (AD)

4.40 The Black Shield of Falworth ★★ Tony Curtis aims to win the fair hand of his then wife Janet Leigh in this unconvincing swashbuckling adventure. (1954, U) (S) (AD)

6.40pm Sahara ★★ ★★ Matthew McConaughey is on the trail of a long-lost battleship in this fun if occasionally baffling adventure. **Review, right.** (2005, 12) (S) (AD)

9.00 The Mechanic ★★ Jason Statham steps confidently into Charles Bronson's shoes as an angst-ridden hitman in this thriller remake. Ben Foster (2011, 15) (S) (AD)

10.50 Office Christmas Party ★★ ★★ Likeable comedy starring Jennifer Aniston as a mean-spirited CEO whose company throws a raucous festive do. **Review, right.** (2016, 15) (S) (AD)

1.00-4.00am Maze Runner: the Death Cure ★★ ★★ Action-packed if drawn-out conclusion to the sci-fi trilogy. Dylan O'Brien (2018, 12) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 Freesat 300 Sky 313 Virgin 428 **+1 F** View 47 F'sat 301 Sky 314 Virgin 430

Talking Pictures TV 82

6.00am Melody Club ★ Pretty woeful early Terry-Thomas vehicle. (1949, U) (S) **7.20 The Red House** ★★ ★★ Splendid thriller about a mysterious farmer and an isolated house locals believe is haunted. Edward G Robinson (1947, PG) (S) **9.20 The Bank Shot** ★★ Cartoonish comedy with George C Scott as a criminal who escapes from prison in order to literally steal a bank. (1974, PG) (S)

11.00 The Captive Heart ★★ ★★ Michael Redgrave gives an excellent performance in this PoW drama. **Review, right.** Rachel Kempson (1946, PG) (S)

1.00pm The Boys ★★ Courtroom drama that's more interesting as a record of London on the cusp of the Swinging Sixties. Richard Todd (1961, 12) (S)

3.35 Lost in the Desert ★★ ★★ Harrowing drama about a boy's struggle to survive in the wilderness. Jamie Hayes (1969, U) (S) **5.15 Rhubarb** Comedy short starring Eric Sykes.

6.00pm The Black Arrow TV adventure series. (S)

6.30 Scotland Yard Docudrama.

7.05 The Four Just Men TV crime drama with Richard Conte. (S)

7.40 Dick Barton - Special Agent TV thriller series.

7.55 Thunderbirds TV adventure.

9.05 Maigret TV detective series.

11.00 A Reflection of Fear ★★ ★★ Unnerving thriller in which a teenager goes off the rails when her absentee father reappears in her life. **Review, right.** Robert Shaw (1973, 18) (S)

12.50am Cry of the Werewolf ★ Creaky female werewolf Z-movie. Nina Foch (1944) (S) **2.15 Private Property** ★★ ★★ Disturbing, atmospheric indie noir. Kate Manx, Corey Allen (1960) (S) **3.55 Target: The Corruptors** TV crime drama. **5.00-6.00am Stagecoach** West TV western. (S)

Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 Freesat 306 Sky 328 Virgin 445

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The Last Bus ★★★

11.15pm-12.40am **BBC2**

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DRAMA This modestly quirky drama stars the ever-reliable Timothy Spall as a widower who goes on a cross-Britain pilgrimage from John o' Groats to Lands End, utilising the free bus network that he can access with his travel pass. The movie's momentum is arduously slow, thanks to the nature of local bus timetables, and changes of location are signalled more by bus company livery than by scenery. But it's neatly scripted by Joe Ainsworth and briskly patted into feel-good shape by director Gillies MacKinnon. **ANDREW COLLINS** (UK 2021, swearing, a sex scene, HD)

The Captive Heart

★★★★ 11.00am-1.00pm

Talking Pictures TV **PG**

WAR This fine British PoW movie presents an almost documentary-like re-creation of the boredom, frustration and claustrophobia of stalag life. Basil Dearden's meticulous direction keeps Macho thriller with Michael Dudikoff as a former Marine. (1997, 15)

12.50am Dracula - Prince of Darkness ★★★★★ Tourists fall foul of the dreaded count in this superior Hammer horror. Christopher Lee (1965, 15)

2.40-4.30am Let Us Prey ★★ Half-baked horror. Liam Cunningham (2014, 18)

Next Goal Wins

2.00-4.00pm

Sky Documentaries

15

DOCUMENTARY This big-hearted underdog tale focuses on the national football team of American Samoa, following the no-hopers as they seek qualification for the 2014 World Cup under abrasive incoming coach Thomas Rongren. A new comedy based on the team's story is released in cinemas this month - see p16. **JAMIE HEALY** (UK 2014, swearing, HD)

Sahara

6.40-9.00pm **Film4**

12

ADVENTURE The action is impressive and the locations are suitably exotic in this far-fetched but fun movie.

this isn't quite a Christmas cracker. **EMMA SIMMONDS** (US 2016, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

A Reflection of Fear

★★★★ 11.00pm-12.45am

Talking Pictures TV **18**

HORROR In this unusual, unnerving movie, Sondra Locke plays a teenager living with her mother (Mary Ure), her grandmother and her dolls, who goes off the rails when her absentee father (Robert Shaw) appears out of the blue. Director William A. Fraker generates chills by never quite revealing the true menace, while the ending is truly mind-boggling. **DAVID MCGILLIVRAY** (US 1973, violence)

Man Up

★★★★ 11.55pm-1.20am **BBC1**

(starts 12.40am in Scotland) **15**

ROMCOM Heaped with wit and insight, this screwball tale boasts a smart script and winning performances, all set against an appealing London backdrop. Lake Bell stars as a woman who steals someone else's blind date (Simon Pegg) from under the clock at Waterloo Station, and then tries to perpetuate the lie. **KAREN KRIZANOVICH** (UK/Fr 2015, swearing, HD)

Breakthrough

★★★ 2.20-4.15am **C4**

12

DRAMA This true-story tale asserts that God and the power of prayer were key to the survival of a teenager who became trapped under a frozen lake for 15 minutes. The pro-faith message may put some viewers off, but this against-the-odds story is still perfectly watchable, whether you subscribe to its claims or not. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (US 2019, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

The Polar Express

★★★ 11.10am-12.55pm

Sky Christmas

A magical train journey. (2004, U) Sky 303; Virgin 410; BT 510/524

Days of Thunder

6.00-8.00pm **Sky Action**

Tom Cruise is driven. (1990, 15) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Superbad

★★★★ 8.00-10.00pm

Sky Cinema Comedy

Raucous teen comedy. (2007, 15) Sky 308; Virgin 408; BT 508/522

Films to stream from p34

Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Great Movies 34

9.00am My Baby Gone ★★ Her new friend is pregnant, too? **Elisabeth Harnois** (2017) **10.55 A Stolen Past** ★★ Abduction thriller. **Jessica Barth** (2018)

1.00pm The Wedding Arrangement ★★ Charming romcom. **Kristina Cole, Cody Griffiths** (2021) **2.55 The Convenient**

Groom ★★ Mildly creepy but sincere romance. (2016) **5.00 Girlfriend Killer** ★★ Solid thriller. **Barbie Castro** (2017)

7.00pm Here Comes the Boom ★★★★★ Hit-and-miss comedy about a teacher who moonlights as a mixed martial arts fighter. **Kevin James** (2012, 12)

9.00 Escape Plan 3 ★★ Sylvester Stallone leads a rescue mission at a prison in this tired action thriller. **Dave Bautista, 50 Cent** (2019, 15)

10.55 Bronson ★★ Tom Hardy gives a stunning performance in a stylised biopic of Britain's most violent and feared prisoner. (2008, 18)

12.50am A Call to Spy ★★ Fascinating story of the women who were Churchill's spies. **Stana Katic, Radhika Apte** (2019, 12) **3.30 Wild West Chronicles**

4.00-5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: A Very Foul Play

Great Movies Freewill 34 Freesat 302 Sky 321 Virgin 425

★1 Freewill 61 (limited 10pm-5am) Sky 322

Great Action 42

8.10am Wild West Chronicles 8.40 The Pathfinder ★★ Colourful period frontier adventure. **George Montgomery** (1952, U) **10.20 The Enemy General**

★★ French Resistance fighter Van Johnson wants revenge. (1960, U) **12 noon Wild West Chronicles**

1.00pm Masterson of Kansas ★★ Hokey but well-played western. **George Montgomery** (1954, U) **2.35 Mackenna's Gold** ★★ A stellar cast hunts for Apache gold. **Gregory Peck** (1969, 15) **5.40 Atlantic Convey** ★★ Cheap but enjoyable war drama. **Bruce Bennett** (1942, U)

7.05pm Collision Earth ★★ Eric Roberts brings commitment to this race-against-time flick. (2020, 12)

9.00 Momentum ★★★★★ A CIA assassin relentlessly tracks a glamorous robber in this slick thriller. **Review, right.** **Olga Kurylenko** (2015, 15)

10.55 Hard Luck ★★ Wesley Snipes is the former con dragged back into a life of crime. (2006, 18)

12.55am Unstoppable ★★ Lacklustre action thriller. **Wesley Snipes** (2004, 15) **2.50 Wild West Chronicles**

3.50-5.00am War Machines

Great Action Freewill 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 ★1 Sky 324

Great Movies Christmas

8.00am Christmas à la Carte ★★ Foodie romance. **Erin Astington** (2021)

10.00 A Christmas to Savour ★★ Rival chefs go to a festive retreat. **Britt Irvin** (2021) **12 noon A Christmas Recipe for Romance** ★★ The new chef is a bit tasty. **Madeline Leon** (2019)

2.00pm Fixing Up Christmas ★★ Winter heart-warmer. **Natalie Dreyfuss** (2021) **4.00 Falling in Love at Christmas** ★★ Business rivals bond over an app. **Alicia Dea Josipovic** (2021)

6.00pm A Royal Christmas Ball ★★ It's not just her designs that are eye-catching. **Jessy Schram** (2017)

8.00 Santa's Secret ★★ Cute seasonal fantasy. **Alicia Witt** (2014)

10.00 A Fairytale Christmas ★★ An estate assessor is sent to a difficult client's house. **Haylie Duff** (2013)

12 midnight A Royal Christmas Ball ★★ Romantic Cinderella story. (2017) **2.00am Highway to Heaven**

3.00-5.00am The Christmas Candle ★★ Some prayers do get answered. **Hans Matheson** (2013, U)

Great Movies Christmas Freewill 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424

★1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320

Sky Premiere

6.35am A Thousand and One ★★★★★ Empathetic indie drama about the changing fortunes of a single mother. **Teyana Taylor, William Catielt, Josiah Cross** (2023, 15) **8.40 As 8pm 10.45 As 4.20pm 12.25pm As 6pm 2.25 As 10.05pm 4.20 Mummies** ★★★★★ Breezy, fish-out-of-water animated comedy. **Review p36.** **Joe Thomas** (2023, U)

6.00pm Violent Night ★★★★★ Santa Claus is forced to take lethal action in this laugh-out-loud action fantasy. **David Harbour, John Leguizamo** (2022, 15)

8.00 May December ★★★★★ Provocative melodrama from director **Todd Haynes**. **Review p36.** **Natalie Portman, Julianne Moore** (2023, 15)

10.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★★★★ Retiree **Jim Broadbent** sets out to visit an ailing friend. **Review p36.** (2023, 12)

12 midnight As 6.35am 2.05am Love Again ★★ Schmalzy romcom featuring **Celine Dion, Priyanka Chopra, Sam Heughan** (2023, 12) **4.00 She Came to Me** ★★ Patchy but well-acted comedy drama. **Peter Dinklage, Anne Hathaway** (2023) **5.45 The Cinema List: Unmissable Sky Originals**

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 ★1 Sky 312

Legend **41**

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger 9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man 10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 11.00 Termination Point ★★ Routine sci-fi thriller. **Jason Priestley, Lou Diamond Phillips** (2007) **1.00pm Descent** ★★ Seriously clichéd disaster movie. **Luke Perry** (2005) **3.00 Post Impact** ★★ A meteorite causes a new ice age. **Dean Cain** (2004) **5.00 Star Trek**

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine ★★ Sci-fi drama series.

7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man ★★ Sci-fi starring **Lee Majors**.

8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger ★★ TV action drama with **Chuck Norris**.

9.00 Under Suspicion ★★ Hard-boiled if increasingly far-fetched neo-noir set in 1950s Brighton. **Liam Neeson** (1991, 18)

11.00 Executive Command ★★ Macho thriller with **Michael Dudikoff** as a former Marine. (1997, 15)

12.50am Dracula - Prince of Darkness ★★★★★ Tourists fall foul of the dreaded count in this superior Hammer horror. **Christopher Lee** (1965, 15)

2.40-4.30am Let Us Prey ★★ Half-baked horror. **Liam Cunningham** (2014, 18)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra **69**

8.00am Meteor Moon ★★ Plodding sci-fi mockbuster in which a large chunk of the Moon hurtles towards Earth. **Dominique Swain, Michael Broderick** (2020)

10.00 Andromeda: TV adventure starring **Casper Van Dien** **11.00 6-Headed Shark Attack** ★★ Part four in the bizarre series that follows the exploits of multi-mouthed mega-sharks. **Brandon Auret** (2018, 15)

1.00pm The Curse of King Tut's Tomb **3.00 Andromeda** **4.00 Star Trek** **5.00 Arctic Apocalypse** ★★ A family fights to survive the onset of a new ice age in this confusing, low-budget disaster movie. **Lauren Esposito, Eric Paul Erickson** (2019)

7.00pm Andromeda ★★ Sci-fi.

8.00 Star Trek ★★ TV sci-fi drama.

9.00 Tales That Witness Madness ★★ Kim Novak, Donald Pleasance and Jack Hawkins star in a collection of creepy stories. (1973, 18)

10.50 Forget Everything and Run ★★ Formulaic horror about a family forced to protect itself from murderous marauders. **Marci Miller** (2020, 15)

1.00-3.00am As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 ★1 F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371

Sky Showcase



James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 9.00pm

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Arctic from Above **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons: two episodes

6.00pm **The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air 6/24** Series 6. Will is caught with his trousers down. **6.30** 7/24. Ashley seeks some relationship advice from Hilary.

7.00 **The Simpsons** Flanders's home is destroyed by a hurricane. **7.30** An overdose of spicy food causes Homer to hallucinate.

8.00 **Portrait Artist of the Year 11/12** Series 10. The winner paints a portrait of Jane Goodall.

9.00 **James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999** The comedian performs at the Hackney Empire, tackling topics such as Brexit and mental health.

11.30 **Smothered 1/6**. Romcom. Sammy and Tom decide to have a no-strings-attached affair.

12 midnight 2/6. Sammy and Tom explore other options.

12.30am Caught on Dashcam Winter Special **1.30** Road Wars: a Christmas special **2.30** Street Crime UK **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109
EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Blood & Treasure **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Blood & Treasure **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm **Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 12/26** Series 3. Sisko is trapped in Earth's past, where he assumes the role of a historic figure. **7.00** 13/26. Vedek Bareil is involved in a tragic accident which threatens the truce between the Bajorans and Cardassians.

8.00 **Star Trek: Enterprise 11/26** Series 2. Trip rescues an alien woman from kidnappers, resulting in a romantic adventure.

9.00 **The Ark 7/12** Series 1. The crew discover that they are not alone in space after all, and learn more about where they came from. **10.00** 8/12. As the crew grapple with technical difficulties, a divisive figure enters the equation.

11.00 **Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 3/10**. Robert and Katherine are forced to turn to Nunez for help, while Sato interrogates Bellamy.

12 midnight 4/10. After being forced to split up by Mal'akh, Robert follows the next clue alone.

1.00am Trickster **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe **4.00-6.00am** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: two episodes

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122
EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



The Undoing 9.00pm Grace faces some tough questions

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **2.20** The Affair (AD) **3.30** True Blood: two episodes

5.40pm **Billions 6/12** Series 3 The Ice Juice case comes to a head when a judge gives Connerty a difficult deadline. (AD) **6.50** 7/12. Axe and Chuck face evidence of their involvement in the Ice Juice sabotage. (AD)

7.55 **Game of Thrones 7/10** Series 2. Theon embarks on a hunt as he tries to prove his Ironborn status. (AD)

9.00 **The Undoing 2/6**. Grace finds herself on the receiving end of detectives Mendoza and O'Rourke's questions. (AD)

10.05 **The Gilded Age 6/8** Series 2. Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a young woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York City.

11.15 **White House Plumbers 2/5**. Hunt and Dorothy entertain Liddy and his wife Fran at their exclusive country club. (AD)

12.15am Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **1.20** Trackers (AD) **2.25** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets: two editions (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am UK Border Force (AD) **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) **10.00** Highway Cops **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed

4.30pm **Nothing to Declare** Seven editions of the fly-on-the-wall documentary following the lives of customs and immigration officers at Australia's airports.

8.00 **The Equalizer 11/18** Series 3. After a string of antisemitic hate crimes in a local community, Harry leads the team in an attempt to find the culprit before they attack again. (AD)

9.00 **Blue Bloods 12/16** Series 11 Business becomes personal for Frank when Baker is assaulted on the street. Eddie undermines one of Jamie's decisions at work. (AD)

10.00 **For Life 8/13**. Aaron is forced to defend Cassius Dawkins when he puts three white supremacists in the hospital. (AD)

11.00 **The Rookie 13/14** Series 3 Nolan and Bradford hope they can de-escalate a drug war before any innocent lives are lost. (AD)

12 midnight Caught on Dashcam Winter Special: crashes, near misses and road incidents **1.00am** Transplant (AD) **2.00** Private Eyes **4.00** The Resident **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110
EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Never Mind the Buzzcocks 9.00pm Nile Rodgers

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm **Stargate SG-1 11/22** Series 6. A reporter threatens to expose a secret military project. **7.00** 12/22. An Asgard planet is overrun by replicators.

8.00 **The Ultimate Christmas Movies** A selection of the best festive films ever made. (AD)

9.00 **Never Mind the Buzzcocks 1/10** Series 2. With guests Nile Rodgers, Russell Howard and Mae Muller. (AD) **9.45** 2/10. With Roisin Conaty, ArrDee and James Bay. (AD)

10.30 **The Overlap on Tour 3/4** The show arrives in Liverpool, with Jamie Carragher showing Gary Neville around. (AD)

11.30 **Rob and Romesh vs Fashion 3/6** Series 1. Rob Beckett and Romesh Ranganathan meet model David Gandy. (AD)

12.30am Street Crime UK **1.00** Road Wars: a Christmas special **2.00** **New. A League of Their Own Ep 8** Series 18. Repeated tomorrow 9pm **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111
EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops **12 noon** Highway Patrol **1.00pm** Motorway Patrol **2.00** Most Haunted **4.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00** Merlin: two episodes. A witch poisons Camelot's water supply, then Nimueh seeks revenge on Merlin (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. A tribe invades the town, giving Jocelyn a chance to advance Samuel's career, then rumours of a gold mine sends a stir of suspicion through the settlement (AD) **11.00** Road Wars: the work of the Thames Valley Police fast response unit **12 midnight** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) **1.00am** The Real A&E (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **1.00pm** An Unexpected Killer **2.00** Killer in My Village **3.00** Most Evil Killers **5.00** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **6.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **8.00** Killer in My Village **9.00** Who Killed Robert Wone **10.20** Catching a Serial Killer: Bruce McArthur (AD) **12 midnight** Killer in My Village **1.00am** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer **1.50** An Unexpected Killer **2.40** Street Crime UK **3.10** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **4.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121
EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



The Vicar of Dibley 8.40pm Geraldine has eaten too much

7.10am The Two Ronnies **10.20** 2 Point 4 Children **11.00** Last of the Summer Wine **1.00pm** The Green Green Grass **2.05** Desmond's **2.45** Trust Morecambe & Wise **3.50** Only Fools and Horses (AD)

6.30pm **Dad's Army** Mainwaring organises a Christmas treat.

7.05 **Only Fools and Horses** Christmas special from 1990. Rodney leaves home after a quarrel with Cassandra. (AD)

8.40 **The Vicar of Dibley** Geraldine learns there is a heavy price to be paid for festive kindness when she agrees to attend three slap-up lunches. (AD)

9.40 **Mrs Brown's Boys** Despite his parents' wishes, Mammy wants to make sure grandson Bono doesn't go to the local school.

10.35 **The Royle Family** A Nigella-inspired Denise decides that she will cook Christmas dinner in this festive special from 2008. But Jim is unimpressed. (AD)

11.55 **Men Behaving Badly** Tony and Gary's gleeful anticipation of Christmas soon gives way to disappointment and comatose oblivion in front of the telly.

12.55am The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **1.55** Mrs Brown's Boys **2.50-4.00am** Creature Comforts

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124
EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **9.00** The Conners **10.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** House of Lies **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** Vice Principals (AD) **2.10** House of Lies **3.20** Entourage **4.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00** The Conners **6.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **7.00** Will & Grace: double bill. Jack and Grace plan Will's birthday, then Jack pretends to be a lawyer to impress a man he has a crush on (AD) **8.00** The Office US: two episodes. Jim hatches a scheme to derail Dwight's plan, then Andy goes all out to nail his audition **9.00** James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 **11.30** Breeders **12 midnight** **New. The Tonight Show** Starring Jimmy Fallon **1.00am** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.50** The Office US **3.45-5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales)
Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Builders **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Fun and Games **9.00** Takeshi's Castle **10.00** Home Improvement **12 noon** Last Man Standing **2.00pm** The Middle **4.25** Friends (AD) **9.00** **FILM** American Pie ★★☆☆ Comedy starring Jason Biggs. Four teenage boys pledge to lose their virginity before the high-school prom, but their efforts have hilarious and outrageous consequences **10.50** Dara O Briain: Voice of Reason: the comedian's live show from 2019 **12.25am** Your Face or Mine **12.55** South Park **2.25** Beavis and Butt-Head **3.05** **New. The Daily Show** **3.30** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **4.15-5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales)
Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360
+1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



So Help Me Todd 9.00pm Susan deals with a tragedy

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **5.00** Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm **Without a Trace 9/24** Series 5. A demoralised social worker disappears, and Jack has news for Samantha.

7.00 **Elementary 19/24** Series 3 Holmes and Watson are drawn into a digital war when a member of a hacker group is found dead.

8.00 **Father Brown 6/15** Series 3 The seeming suicide of a student leads Father Brown to believe a murderer is at work. (AD)

9.00 **New. So Help Me Todd 16/21**. When a juror at Susan's first solo trial dies, another juror is charged with murder.

10.00 **Death in Paradise 6/8** Series 4. A volleyball player is stabbed through the heart. (AD)

11.00 **Rizzoli & Isles 11/15** Series 3. A man dies after eating in the Division One cafeteria. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas (AD) **2.55-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin 114
EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Diggers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Arctic Ice Railroad (AD) **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** Building off the Grid **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **6.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers **8.00** Railroad Alaska **9.00** **New. Gold Rush: Parker** cannibalises multiple machines to build a "Frankendigger" **10.00** **New. Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch:** when an underground tsunami floods the cavern, Duane and his team enter from higher ground (AD) **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot: Mireya and Ronny make a discovery **12 midnight** Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.00am** Gold Rush **2.00** Mystery at Blind Frog Ranch **3.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177
EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** NASA's Unexplained Files **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Ultimate Warfare **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried (AD) **12 noon** Combat Dealers **2.00pm** How the Universe Works **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History **6.00** Combat Dealers **7.00** Expedition Unknown **8.00** Greatest Events of World War II **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters: Drew Pritchard uncovers a wartime flag with a medical history **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill (AD) **12 midnight** How It's Made **1.00am** Combat Dealers (AD) **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Greatest Events of World War II **4.00-5.00am** Shed and Buried (AD)

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED

Sky Documentaries



Liverpool Narcos 10.00pm
Trafficker Michael Showers

6.00am The Movies **7.00** Discovering: Barbara Stanwyck (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** The Essex Murders (AD) **12 noon** Seve (AD) **2.00pm FILM** Next Goal Wins **3.15pm** Following the American Samoa football team. **Review p79** (AD) (W) **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Barbara Stanwyck (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s The series looks at the more ground-breaking TV shows of the decade.

6.55 The Vow Catherine meets with Frank Parlato, while Keith's former girlfriend recalls an experience from the 1990s. (AD)

8.00 The Essex Murders The killing of three criminals known as the Essex Boys, who were shot to death in December 1995. (AD)

9.00 Lockerbie A Libyan double agent provides evidence needed to bring the two suspects to court.

10.00 Liverpool Narcos The drugs trade in 1980s Liverpool.

11.00 How ecstasy spawned a new breed of criminal.

12 midnight The results of the cocaine boom in the 1990s.

1.00am On the Record (AD) **3.00** Everton: Howard's Way **5.00-6.00am** Discovering: Barbara Stanwyck: profile of the actress (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **11.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **12 noon** Car SOS **1.00pm** Ice Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand (AD) **4.00** Pirate Ships of the Caribbean: Drain the Oceans **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation **8.00** World War II: Secrets from Above: the longest military campaign of the Second World War (AD) **9.00** Apocalypse: Hitler Takes on the West: two editions. Nazi offensives on Western nations during the Second World War, then France under German occupation **11.00** Air Crash Investigation (AD) **12 midnight** Airport Security: Rome **1.00am** Banged Up Abroad **2.00** Food Factory USA **2.55-5.00am** Food Factory

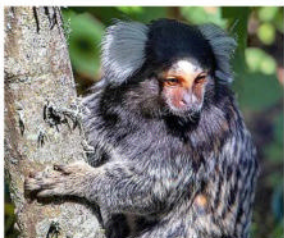
Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Counting Cars **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00pm** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00 New** What on Earth? **9.00** **CHOICE NEW** Kennedy: the origins of John F Kennedy's political career **See page 73** **10.00** JFK: the Final Evidence **11.00** Monsterquest **12 midnight** Pawn Stars **1.00am** Salvage Kings **2.00** Curse of Skinwalker Ranch **3.00** What on Earth? **4.00-6.00am** Counting Cars

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Monkey Life 7.00pm
Marmoset Jenny is examined

6.00am Ol Pejeta Diaries **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **10.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **11.00** Chasing the Rains **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **4.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **5.00** Chasing the Rains

6.00pm Brazil Untamed The daily life of a capybara, a rodent that is the size of a sheep.

7.00 Monkey Life Vet Cesar examines a lump on the face of a newly arrived marmoset. **7.30** Alison decides to close the park as the pandemic takes hold.

8.00 Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride Roaming with the pups of the Manzi and Kakumbi packs.

9.00 Monkey Life Double bill following daily life at Monkey World Ape Rescue Centre in Dorset.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

11.00 Chasing the Rains The lives of wild animals in an unspoiled area of East Africa.

12 midnight Monkey Island **1.00am** Great Blue Wild **2.00** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **3.00** Monkey Life **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00-6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Titanic: Stories from the Deep **10.00** Shipwreck Secrets **4.00pm** Titanic: Stories from the Deep **5.00** Shipwreck Secrets: six editions. The identity of a ship that shouldn't exist **6.00** The ship that has become synonymous with the Bermuda Triangle **7.00** Divers search a newly discovered wreck as they investigate the story of the SS *Justicia* **8.00** A marine biologist and diver search Chuuk Lagoon for a wreck **9.00** A 19th-century schooner that could help shed light on the founding of Ohio **10.00** Relics of the Battle of Jutland **11.00** Titanic: Stories from the Deep: artefacts salvaged from the underwater resting site of the wreck **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Shipwreck Secrets **5.30-6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **11.00** Animal Cop Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** How Do Animals Do That? **2.00** Wild Australia **3.00** Wild Mexico **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cop Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** The Zoo: double bill. A gorilla must undergo a critical root canal, then a fennec fox's future hangs in the balance **10.00** Alaska Monsters **11.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator: Expedition Mungo **12 midnight** South American Squatch of Argentina: Expedition Mungo **1.00am** Alaska Monsters **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cop Philadelphia (AD) **4.00-5.00am** Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat at Manuka Oval. **11.45** My Icon (AD) **12 noon** Lunchtime Live **2.00pm** Sports Desk **2.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket** South Africa v India at St George's Park Cricket Ground. **7.00** Soccer Special **7.30 LIVE Championship Football** Sunderland v Leeds United (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00-6.00am** Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** League Cup Retro: from 2011 **12 noon** League One Football **2.00pm** Scottish Premiership Football **2.30** League One and Two Goals **3.00** Women's Super League Football **3.30** Championship Highlights **4.45** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **5.00** German Football: highlights **6.00** Women's Super League Football **6.30** Championship Highlights **7.30 LIVE Championship Football** Sunderland v Leeds United (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Italia 90: Four Weeks That Changed the World: documentary (AD) **11.30** Scottish Premiership Round-Up **11.45** Scottish Premiership Highlights **12 midnight** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **1.00am** Championship Season Review **2.00** League Cup **2.30** EFL Rivalries (AD) **3.00** Championship Retro **5.45-6.00am** EFL Greatest Games

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am Golf Academy **7.00** School of Golf **8.00** British Masters Masterclass (AD) **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** Golf 11.00 Legends Tour Golf **12 noon** Tee Time Tips: two episodes **1.00pm** School of Golf **2.00** British Masters Masterclass (AD) **3.00** Playing Lessons **3.30** European Tour Golf **4.30** Golf **5.30** Legends Tour Golf **6.30** Junior Golf **7.00** How the 2014 Ryder Cup Was Won (AD) **9.00** Junior Golf **9.30** Legends Tour Golf **10.30** Golf **11.30** European Tour Golf **12.30am** Legends Tour Golf **1.30** Winter Tee Time Tips **2.30** Golf Academy **3.00** School of Golf **4.00** British Masters Masterclass (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Playing Lessons (AD)

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412
6.00am Snooker **8.00** Olympics Games **9.00** Biathlon **11.00** Snooker **1.00pm LIVE Snooker** Day two of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh. **5.00** Cyclo-Cross **6.00** Showjumping **7.00 LIVE Snooker** Day two of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh. **11.00** Snooker **1.00am** Alpine Skiing **2.00** Snooker **4.00** Alpine Skiing **5.00-6.00am** Biathlon

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.00am Alpine Skiing **8.00** Snooker **10.00** Judo **11.00** Alpine Skiing **1.00pm** Biathlon **2.00** Cycling **4.00** Speedway **5.00** Alpine Skiing **6.05** Freestyle Skiing: World Cup **7.05 LIVE Freestyle Skiing** World Cup, ski cross from Arosa. **8.15** Triathlon **8.45** Cycling **9.00** Cyclo-Cross **10.00** Alpine Skiing **11.00** Freestyle Skiing **12 midnight** Cycling **2.00am** World Superbikes **3.00** Formula E **4.00-6.00am** Snooker



International T20 Cricket 9.30pm **TNT Sports 2** West Indies skipper Rovman Powell

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Premier League Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Premier League Highlights **10.00** The Football Show **12 noon** Gary Neville's Soccerbox (AD) **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights **5.00** Premier League 100 Club (AD) **5.30** Premier League Review **6.30** Premier League Netbusters **7.00** Soccer Special: live scores **10.15** Class of 92: Full Time **11.15** Premier League Review **12.15am** Netbusters **12.45** Greatest Games **1.00** Premier League Years: the big stories of the 2009/10 season **3.00** Greatest Games (AD) **4.00** Best Goals **5.30-6.00am** 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am World T20 Cricket (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Highlights **7.45 LIVE Big Bash League Cricket** Sydney Thunder v Brisbane Heat, the T20 match from Manuka Oval, Canberra. **11.45** Big Bash League Highlights **12.45pm** World T20 Cricket (AD) **2.00** Talking Cricket (AD) **2.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket** South Africa v India, the second T20 of the series at St George's Park Cricket Ground. **7.00** Big Bash League Cricket **11.00** World T20 Cricket (AD) **12 midnight** International T20 Cricket **4.30am** Best of the World T20 (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL Highlights **7.00** Pro-Football Talk **9.00** NFL Review Show: highlights from week 14 **10.00** NFL Highlights **11.00** NFL Bitesize **12 noon** Good Morning Football **1.30pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Bitesize **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Review Show **9.00** NFL Highlights **10.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **10.45** 49 Hours **11.00** NFL Fantasy **12 midnight** Total Access **1.00am** NFL Highlights **2.00** Pro-Football Talk **4.00** Bitesize **5.00** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **5.45-6.00am** 49 Hours

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am International Netball **8.15** Unbeatable **8.45** British Basketball League **11.15** Super League (AD) **12.45pm** Rugby League (AD) **1.00** Super League **2.30** International Netball: England v South Africa **4.45** Darts: action from the 2021 final (AD) **7.30** My Icon: Chris Hughton (AD) **7.40 LIVE Championship Football** Watford v Ipswich Town at Vicarage Road (kick-off 7.45). **9.45** Boxing **10.45** Boxing Archive **1.00am** International Netball **5.30-6.00am** Unbeatable

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am TNT Sports Goals Reload **6.15** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket **7.15 LIVE International T20 Cricket** Coverage of the final of the Deaf World Cup. **11.30** The Football's On **12.30pm** Premier League Review (AD) **1.30** Champions League Magazine (AD) **2.00 LIVE Uefa Youth League Football** Manchester United U19 v Bayern Munich U19, the Group A match (kick-off 2.00). **4.00** Premier League Football **5.30** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **6.00** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **6.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **7.00 LIVE Champions League Football** Coverage of a decisive group match from matchday six (kick-off 8.00). **Sport: page 31** **10.30** Champions League Football: highlights **11.30** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **12 midnight** The Football's On **1.00am LIVE Wrestling** The latest action from WWE NXT. **3.15** UFC **3.45** MotoGP Rewind (AD) **4.00-6.00am** Pro League Hockey

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431
6.30am Premier League Review (AD) **7.30** Australian Football: six matches **1.30pm** Pro League Hockey **3.30** International One-Day Cricket **4.30** Champions League Magazine (AD) **5.00 LIVE Champions League Football** PSV Eindhoven v Arsenal at Philips Stadion (kick-off 5.45). **8.15** Premier League Reload **8.30** International One-Day Cricket **9.30 LIVE International T20 Cricket** West Indies v England, the first T20 in the five-match series from Kensington Oval, Barbados. **2.00-6.00am** Champions League Football: highlights of eight matches

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432
6.00am Italian Football: two games **8.00** French Football: seven games **3.00pm** Italian Football: two games **5.00** Australian Football: highlights **5.30 LIVE Champions League Football** Coverage of two group matches (kick-off 5.45 and 8.00). **10.00** Fight Week **10.30** UFC Countdown **11.30** NBA (AD) **12 midnight-6.30am LIVE NBA** Dallas Mavericks v Los Angeles Lakers, the Western Conference game (tip-off 12.30); **3.00** Phoenix Suns v Golden State Warriors, the Western Conference game (tip-off 3.00).

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am Champions Cup Rugby Union **7.00** Motor Racing (AD) **9.00** MotoGP Rewind (AD) **9.15** Europa League and Conference League Magazine **10.15** Fishing (AD) **11.15** Champions Cup Rugby Union **12.15pm** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket **1.15** NBA **2.45** International One-Day Cricket **5.45** NBA (AD) **7.45 LIVE Champions League Football** A group match from matchday six (kick-off 8.00). **10.00** Wrestling **12.30am** Fight Week **1.00** What I Wish I Wore **1.15** Goals Reload **1.45** Badminton Weekly (AD) **2.00-6.00am LIVE Badminton** World Tour Finals from China, the opening session of the group stage. Coverage continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 5

EE 450/HD 458
7.30-10.15pm LIVE Champions League Football The Goals Show.

Wednesday



YULE LOVE IT
A Mary (Berry)
Christmas awaits

FOOD

Mary Berry's Highland Christmas

9.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via **iPlayer**

The twinkly lights, holly berries, snowy landscapes, roaring fires and ghastly Christmas jumpers set the festive mood beautifully... and then we hear a rather jarring fact. Andy Murray, one of several guests who get a cooking lesson from Mary Berry, prefers to eat sushi for his Christmas dinner. What!?

She quite rightly ignores that revelation, showing him instead how to make kedgeree for a festive breakfast before demonstrating a cranachan pavlova, a chocolate yule log and guacamole canapés.

There are less traditional recipes, too. I was very taken with her savoury tarte tatin served with sweet potato and celeriac slaw.

Scotland has a special place in Mary's heart, and she shares many fond memories on this trip to the Highlands where she enthusiastically embraces sleigh rides, dancing at a traditional ceilidh and carol singing. It couldn't be more magical and Christmassy if you hung a garland of tinsel around her neck, although she's much too elegant for such nonsense. And there's no sushi in sight. **JANE RACKHAM**

FACTUAL

The Repair Shop at Christmas

8.00pm **BBC1**
Catch up via **iPlayer**

First shown in 2021, this is like peeking inside Father Christmas's workshop where the elves are beaver away making presents. On one bench is a treasured doll that helped its owner Maureen walk again after she had polio: "She repaired me, so I need to look after her now," she explains.

There's also a Christmas carousel decoration, a train set that broke down in the 70s and a woodworm-riddled harmonium. Each restoration is a Christmas miracle so there are tears and smiles in equal measure.

Meanwhile, the elves... I mean, the experts are making Secret Santa gifts for each other. **JR**

ARTS

Best of Portrait Artist of the Year

8.00pm **Sky Arts**
Catch up via **Now**

With this year's winner now crowned, here's a chance to catch up on what you missed – or, relive the competition's highlights all over again. This look back at memorable moments from the tenth series is a feast of famous faces being captured on canvas. A new crop of artists created likenesses of celebrity sitters including Lenny Rush, Shirley Ballas, Nigel Havers, Ainsley Harriott, Emma Bunton, Sue Barker, Richard Curtis, Alan Titchmarsh, Fleur East, Rory Stewart and Susanna Reid.

It all culminates in the grand final, with Dame Joan Bakewell herself as the subject. On your marks, get set... paint! Although perhaps do a sketch first. **MICHAEL HOGAN**

DRAMA

Mayfair Witches

9.00pm, 9.45pm **BBC2**
Catch up via **iPlayer**

If you thought the first episode of this adaptation of Anne Rice's novel was weird, this double bill takes it to a new level of disorientating oddness. Inexplicably, we flash between 1681 Scotland and modern New Orleans. Dead birds fall from the sky and corpses party at a funeral procession, while a trail of bloody destruction follows Rowan (Alexandra Daddario) who can't control her lethal powers.

We do know that Rowan comes from a long line of witches, which is why the Talamasca's Ciprien (Tongayi Chirisa), whose impressive glove collection hides his own supernatural gift, wants to protect her. But then Rowan's wicked great aunt Carlotta (Beth Grant) says she does, too. **JR**

DRAMA

The Couple Next Door

9.00pm **Channel 4**
Catch up via **C4 streaming**

Pete (Alfred Enoch) is enjoying his new hobby – staring dejectedly into the middle distance – when Evie (Eleanor Tomlinson) walks in. He confronts her about the baby and asks outright if it's his. She's aghast: "Of course it is!"

Yeah, sure. We all (even Pete) know that isn't the case. It's one of the bigger lies flying around the street that's about to come to a head. Although Evie's, er, happy news has sent her into a fevered spiral and her obsession with Danny (Sam Heughan) is exponentially growing. She might not have quite put the bunny on a boil just yet, but she's definitely eyeing up the hutch and sharpening the knife.

FRANCES TAYLOR

ALSO ON TODAY

I'm a Celebrity... Coming Out

9.00pm **ITV1**

The celebrities go back to reality, and reveal what they really thought about their fellow campmates.

Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

7.00pm **BBC2**

Julie Graham, David Harper, Tamzin Outhwaite and Natasha Raskin Sharp (right) hunt around Sussex for items to auction in Norfolk.



Making Out

from 10pm **BBC4**

The final four episodes from 1991 of the groundbreaking drama series starring Margi Clarke and Tracie Bennett.

ENTERTAINMENT

A League of Their Own Christmas

9.00pm **Sky Max**

Catch up via Now

Premier League footballers are paid millions to forgo pigs in blankets at Christmas. A miserable bargain indeed. Fortunately for Brentford FC, *The League of Their Own* gang have arrived at their training ground to spice up their Christmas lunch, with team captains Jamie Redknapp and Micah Richards competing to cook the most festive, match-fit food.

Back in the studio, host Romesh Ranganathan et al are joined by Manchester United legend Patrice Evra and comedian Rob Beckett for fun and games. The highlight is "human darts", in which Beckett, dart on head, is launched at an enormous dartboard. **STEPHEN KELLY**

DOCUMENTARY

The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer

9.00pm **Sky Crime**

Catch up via Now

To call Chris Dawson's actions blatant is an understatement. Two days after his wife disappeared, he was moving his teenage girlfriend into the family home, while telling people Lyn had abandoned her children.

Friends weren't buying it, but hunches and proof are different things. In this penultimate episode, we see those determined to get to the truth fretting that they may never unearth the evidence to get their man. Then a knife-torn pink cardigan is dug up but, as we learn, this grim discovery offers no guarantees of prosecution. **DAVID BROWN**

SCI-FI

The Lazarus Project

10.00pm **Sky Max**

Catch up via Now

The consequence of interfering with history is a trope in time-travel fiction, but in *The Lazarus Project* it gets personal. We've seen the mess caused by George's attempts to save his relationship by altering the future. In this episode we take a break from that chaos in favour of Janet (Vinette Robinson, who's been having a bit of a moment recently). Kidnapped by the enigmatic Robin Lerner (Colin Salmon) to protect his own time-travel project, she now faces an impossible dilemma that could destroy everything she cares about. And we learn more about why Wes (Caroline Quentin) is so wedded to the destruction of Lerner's plans. **GILL CRAWFORD**

LIVE SPORT



Football: Champions League

Celtic v Feyenoord

7.00pm (k/o 8.00pm)

TNT Sports

Celtic's Honduran forward Luis Palma (above) will be hoping to help the team finish a disappointing campaign on a high.

Football: Championship

Middlesbrough v Hull City

7.30pm (k/o 8.00pm) **Sky Sports**

Main Event/Football

Action from Riverside Stadium.

Snooker: Scottish Open

1.00pm, 7.00pm **Eurosport 1**

The second round concludes and the third begins in Edinburgh.

FILM OF THE DAY



Die Hard 2 ★★★★★ 18

10.40pm (11.30pm Northern

Ireland) **BBC1**

Having survived a terrorist assault on a high rise in the first *Die Hard*, New York cop John McClane (Bruce Willis) is pitted against a villainous colonel (William Sadler) in a snowbound airport in this action-packed sequel. (1990)

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COMEDY

Bad Education: a Christmas Carol

9.00pm **BBC3**

Catch up via iPlayer

Having handed in his resignation, Abbey Grove pupil-turned-drama teacher Stephen (Layton Williams) is visited by ghostly friends past, present and future to show him the error of his Scrooge-like ways.

It's a heady, high-energy brew featuring a pantomime horse, Kanye West, Chesney from *Coronation Street*, the shipping forecast and Cheryl Cole's back tattoo. Could there be a Christmas miracle? Might Stephen decide to stay after all? And will PE teacher Mitchell (Charlie Wernham) take his *Die Hard* obsession to dangerous extremes?

Pacy, gag-packed and huge fun, this includes a chain-clanking cameo from the show's creator and original star, Jack Whitehall. A further series has already been confirmed for 2024. **MH**

CHAINED IN

A ghostly Alfie (Jack Whitehall) goes Dickensian alongside Stephen (Layton Williams) and Mitchell (Charlie Wernham)

WEDNESDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Jon Kay, Sally Nugent. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show presented by Gethin Jones and Helen Skelton. (S) (HD)
10.00 For Love or Money The story of a woman who seems in denial that she is being scammed. (R) (S) (HD)
10.45 Frontline Fightback The DNA database that is being used to reunite pets with owners. (R) (S) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in London, Leicestershire and Kent. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Charlie Ross presents the show from Ardingly in West Sussex. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Nina treats a patient who brings up memories of her dead husband. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 The Bidding Room Nigel Havers hosts as five dealers battle over a Danish table, a set of antique skittles and some pink toy rabbits. (R) (S) (HD)
3.00 Escape to the Country A retired couple from Essex want a new home in Norfolk. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.45 Antiques Road Trip Finds today include a hand-turned Czech vase, a cold-painted bronze dog and a clay rhubarb forcer. Rptd tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD)
4.30-5.15 Make It at Market Blacksmith Andy and willow weaver Ciara try to turn their hobbies into businesses. Repeated tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Tue 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.15 Make It at Market Shown Tue 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Nadiya's Simple Spices 5/6. Crispy fried pakoras and a cumin-infused potato burger. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 Marcus Wareing's Tales from a Kitchen Garden** The chef adds ten piglets to his animal family. (R) (S) (HD)
9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)
10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
11.15 Politics Live The latest from Westminster. (S) (HD)
1.00pm Catchpoint Paddy McGuinness hosts. (R) (S) (HD)
1.30 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Stuffed roast turkey and French toast with smoked bacon. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 Wild Brazil The giant otter cubs have to learn to swim before their river floods. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00-5.00 The Real Marigold Hotel The group celebrates Susie Blake's birthday. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Showbiz and style tips. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Lifestyle advice, competitions and star interviews. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Candid conversation. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers visit the RAF Museum in north London, where they find a bust of George IV bought for £50 in a charity shop and a set of silver found in an attic. (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from north Wales, Salford and Newport take part in the fast-paced word game. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.15am Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (R) (S) (HD)
6.55 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
8.10 The King of Queens Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Triple bill of the US sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Château DIY at Christmas Trish searches for eco-friendly decorations that minimise plastic and waste. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05pm News** (S) (HD)
12.10 George Clarke's Amazing Spaces: Winter World Tour George Clarke and Will Hardie visit Norway, Finland, the Alps and Canada. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.10 Jamie's Ultimate Christmas Tips for perfect turkey, gravy and roast potatoes, as well as chocolate pots, turkey risotto and beef wellington. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown Marcus Brigstocke guests. (S) (HD)
3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Featuring a couple who dream of retiring to Spain with their son and dog.
4.00 Danni Menzies helps house-hunter Frances find a holiday home in Nerja in southern Spain. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

1

Mary Berry's Highland Christmas 9.00pm
 Andy Murray joins Mary to serve up an ace breakfast



5.15pm Pointless

Quiz in which contestants try to score the fewest points possible by giving the least obvious correct answers to questions. Presented by Alexander Armstrong, with Richard Osman. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Alex Jones and Ronan Keating. Writer Joanne Vaughan-Jones (S) (HD)

9.00 BBC RED BUTTON 7.00-10.30 5 Live Final Score

Champions League commentary from BBC Radio 5 Live

7.30 EastEnders

Sharon takes an important precaution but worries her secret isn't safe. Stacey is touched by a gesture. Writer Bryan Kirkwood Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Repair Shop at Christmas

RT In this festive edition first shown in 2021, Jay Blades and the team tackle four much-loved objects. Amanda Middleditch, Julie Tatchell and Steve Fletcher inspect a mechanical walking "Susie" doll from 1950, Dom Chinea and Will Kirk get in a bit of a spin over a multi-layered traditional wooden Nativity scene from Germany, David Burville and Suzie Fletcher work their magic on a 100-year-old harmonium pump organ, and a toy train set once displayed in a grocer's shop window in 1960s Kenya needs the expertise of Mark Stuckey. **See page 82.** Director Rich Merritt Series producer Rebecca McLaughlin (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mary Berry's Highland Christmas

RT Mary travels to her mother's homeland of Scotland for a magical winter break in a cottage in the Highlands. Inspired by her own family holidays, she cooks sumptuous dishes to be enjoyed over the busy Christmas period. Mary visits Dunblane to meet three-time grand slam tennis champion Andy Murray and his grandmother, and cooks kedgeree, a classic breakfast dish. Comedian Iain Stirling tries to herd some reindeer while Mary rustles up an indulgent fondue with a twist, and singer Emeli Sandé pops in to the cottage to help make a *bûche de Noël*. **See p82.** Director Katy Fryer Executive producers Emily Hudd and Kelly Sparks (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.40 Die Hard 2 ★★★★★

■ Action thriller sequel starring Bruce Willis and Bonnie Bedelia. Christmas Eve: while waiting for his wife's plane to land at Dulles International Airport in Washington DC, detective John McClane becomes involved in a dangerous mission to outwit a bunch of ruthless terrorists who have taken over the busy airport in a bid to rescue a drugs baron. Available on iPlayer for 30 days **Film of the Day: page 89.**

John McClane	Bruce Willis	Captain Grant	John Amos
Holly McClane	Bonnie Bedelia	Carmine Lorenzo	Dennis Franz
Dick Thornberg	William Atherton	Barnes	Art Evans
Al Powell	Reginald VelJohnson	Trudeau	Fred Dalton Thompson
General Ramon Esperanza	Franco Nero	Marvin	Tom Bower
Colonel Stuart	William Sadler	Samantha Copeland	Sheila McCarthy

Director Renny Harlin (1990, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)
 Also showing Thursday 9pm BBC3

12.35am Survivor 13/16. A mysterious item washes up that could change the course of the game for the castaways. Presented by Joel Dommett. Shown Saturday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)
1.35 Charlotte in Sunderland 9/10 Series 2. Gary and Letitia take the whole family on a camper van holiday. (S) (HD)
2.05 10/10. A special trip to Dubai sees Charlotte and Jake celebrate their anniversary in style. A box set is on iPlayer. Both episodes shown last Wednesday on BBC3 (S) (HD)
2.35 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
2.40-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 Freesat 101 Sky 101 Virgin 101

BBC2

2

Mayfair Witches

9.00pm Waking nightmare? Deirdre (Annabeth Gish) emerges from her catatonic state



5.00pm Flog It!

At Normanby Hall in north Lincolnshire, experts Michael Baggot and Caroline Hawley unearth antiques including a French poster. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

Clare Balding, Ivo Graham, Ugo Monye and Su Pollard test their general knowledge skills. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly: It Takes Two

Jannette Manrara is joined by celebrity friends of the finalists, who discuss their pals' chances. (S) (HD)

7.00 Celebrity Antiques Road Trip

Actors and best friends Julie Graham and Tamzin Outhwaite travel around Sussex in a 1980s Citroën hunting for items to take to auction in Norfolk, joined by Natasha Raskin Sharp and David Harper. Along the way they explore the seaside resort of Worthing and its connection to playwright Oscar Wilde. (S) (HD)

8.00 Saving Lives at Sea

When a pair of novice paddleboarders get out of their depth at sea, brothers Matt and Gavin race to save them before they are swept out into the busy shipping lanes. On the East Riding of Yorkshire coast, the tight-knit team at Withernsea scours the North Sea for a local fisherman and friend of the crew, who is missing. Narrated by Steven Mackintosh.

Directors Phil Broadhurst and Luke Proctor Series producer Alex Raw (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Mayfair Witches

RT **2/8. The Dark Places.** Following the death of her adoptive mother Elena, a grieving Rowan finds out that Elena had lied about attempting to track down her birth parents. In New Orleans, things are about to change as Rowan's birth mother Deirdre starts to take charge of her powers. (S) (AD) (HD)
9.45 3/8. Second Line. Now in New Orleans, in the aftermath of traumatic events, Rowan searches for safety in a strange city, with help from Ciprien.

The whole series is on iPlayer. **See p82.** (S) (AD) (HD)

Rowan Fielding	Alexandra Daddario	Dr Vernon Lamb	Billy Slaughter
Ciprien Grieve	Tongayi Chirisa	Aoife	Nadine Lewington
Lasher	Jack Huston	Dr Noreen Davis	Sylvia Grace Crim
Cortland Mayfair	Harry Hamlin	Dr Norman Keck	Jim Gleason
Carlotta Mayfair	Beth Grant	Florie	Emma Rose Smith
Ellie	Erica Gimpel	Jojo	Jen Richards
Deirdre Mayfair	Annabeth Gish	Odette Grieve	Keyara Milliner
Daniel Lemle	Tobias Jelinek	Millie Mayfair	Geraldine Singer
Suzanne	Hannah Alline	Keith Murfis	Ian Hoch
Delphine	Deneen Tyler	Magic Mark	Ryan Glorioso
Samir	Ravi Naidu	Quintron	David Rolston

10.20 QI XS A selection of clips from QI where things seem to be getting out of control. Sandi Toksvig hosts. Directors Ian Lorimer, Ben Hardy and Diccon Ramsay Series producer Piers Fletcher (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight

11.10 Weather

11.15 The Secret Genius of Modern Life

5/6 Series 2. Headphones. Hannah Fry visits Bose to find out how today's teeny earbud tech works, and meets the human testers with "golden ears". Shown last Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15-3.40am Sign Zone 12.15 Animal Park Observing how the hyenas react to a shower. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 Louis Theroux Interviews... Chelsea Manning 5/6 Series 2. Louis spends time with the Iraq war whistleblower, activist and data security expert. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.45 Vigil 1/6 Series 2. When a British weapons test goes disastrously wrong, DCI Amy Silva is called in to investigate. **See choice, page 52.** Shown Sunday 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
2.40 2/6. After Amy and Kirsten battle for their lives against a ruthless armed killer, the case takes a turn. **See choice, page 62.** Shown Monday 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 Freesat 102 Sky 102 Virgin 102

ITV1

3

I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out 9.00pm The celebs reflect on life in the jungle



4.00pm Deal or No Deal
Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain a fortune, but will they take the Banker's offer?
Signed repeat 5.10am (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase
Bradley Walsh presents as contestants Kirstie, Gwen, Nick and Ali try to outsmart one of the fearsome Chasers and scoop the contents of a prize pot worth thousands of pounds. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)

6.30 ITV Evening News Weather (S) (HD)

7.30 Emmerdale
Mack is frustrated by Amy's reluctance to tell him where his son is. Manpreet encourages Pollard to be honest. Vic opens up to Aaron.
Writer Tony Hammond Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street
Burdened by guilt, Daisy decides to confess all to Daniel. Terry demands the return of his dog from Tyrone. Stu offers Dom a cash incentive. David unearths a decades-old family secret.
Writers Jonathan Harvey and Jan McVerry Cast Monday/Friday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out of Here! Coming Out

Now they've had the luxury of a lengthy soak in a hot bath and insect-free cuisine is back on the menu, what comes next for the returning campmates? Knowing their weakest moments have gripped millions, how do they pick up the threads of their everyday lives? The cameras follow the celebrities as they go back to reality, while the newly crowned King or Queen of the Jungle reflects on their time in the Australian outback. And the campmates reveal what they really thought about their fellow celebrities.
Producer Simon Paintin; Executive producers Olly Nash and Katrina Morrison (S) (AD) (HD)

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10.00 ITV News at Ten
Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 An Audience with Kylie
For one night only, pop princess Kylie Minogue takes over the Royal Albert Hall, entertaining an audience of fans and celebrity guests with a setlist featuring her greatest hits of the past 35 years. Kylie will also share some personal stories from her career and answer questions from the celebrities. **See choice, page 52.**
Shown Sunday 7.45pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.55 Heathrow: Britain's Busiest Airport

It's May and the forecourt of Terminal 2 is filled with returning holidaymakers, while passenger service manager Suki takes drastic action with a car that has outstayed its welcome.

Series producer Therese Byrne
Executive producer Juliette Murray-Topham (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am EFL Highlights The best action from the midweek matches in all three divisions of the EFL.
Shown 11.30pm ITV4 Rptd tomorrow 5.30pm ITV4 (S) (HD)

1.10 Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Cutting the Cost of Christmas: Tonight
Angellica Bell reports. Shown last Thursday (S) (SL) (HD)

3.25 Gino's Italian Express 5/8. Gino D'Acampo explores Lake Garda and Bolzano. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.10-6.00am Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern hosts the tense game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

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Channel 4

4
7 in Wales

The Couple Next Door 9.00pm Food for thought: a tense meal for couple under pressure Evie and Pete



5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas
Four crafters compete in Kirstie's best decorated Christmas tree competition. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed
Visit three is to The Three Hills, Cambridge. Hosts Emma and Emily are hoping the award-winning food will guarantee their success. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons
Fears of a Clown. Bart uses a clown mask for a prank that ends up going too far. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)

8.00 Location, Location, Location Ep 2. In Manchester, Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer meet two sets of first-time buyers. Kirstie is with graduates Robyn and Alice, who are searching for a starter flat or a terraced redbrick home. Meanwhile, Phil looks for homes in the popular patches of Didsbury and Chorlton with Steph and Christopher, who have been outbid ten times and are struggling to close a deal.
Directors Yvonne Bray, Michael Barrett; Producers Yvonne Bray, Jacqui Porter and Carol Hanlon Rptd Thu 8pm 4seven (R) (S) (HD)

9.00 The Couple Next Door

RT 5/6. Pete gives Evie an ultimatum, but it only serves to deepen her obsession with Danny. Elsewhere, Pete and Sophie's front-page scoop puts a stop to Danny's schemes.
Continues tomorrow 9pm. **See page 82.**

Danny	Sam Heughan	Susan	Anastasia Hille
Becka	Jessica De Gouw	Brian	Andrew Woodall
Evie	Eleanor Tomlinson	DC Collins	Ace Bhatti
Pete	Alfred Enoch	Lars	Aime Claeys
Sophie	Ioanna Kimbook	Lena	Deirdre Mullins
Lawrie	James Doherty	Ethan	Noah Holdsworth
Alan	Hugh Dennis	Robbie Spencer	Mark Frost
Gary	Joel Morris	Kyle	James Burrow
Sgt McGinn	Clare Burt	Reena	Elise Van Lil
Olly	Daniel Bell	PC Martins	Andrew Sheridan
Jean	Kate Robbins	PC Lloyd	Jade Greyul
Gloria	Janine Duvitski	Dr Suleiman	Helene Maksoud
John	Ali Ariaie	Bank manager	Richard Turner

Writer David Allison; Producer Jen Burnet
Director Dries Vos (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 First Dates at Christmas

For the festive period, Fred Sirieix and the team head to the British countryside to celebrate love in a cosy hideaway. Bed saleswoman Holly might have a seasonal name, but she struggles to find anyone to kiss under the mistletoe. Her date is plasterer Shane from Brentwood.

Series director Pete Deagle
Executive producer Jon Crisp (R) (S) (HD)

11.05 Gogglebox

The households' opinions on recent TV.
Shown last Wednesday (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Inside KFC at Christmas A look behind the scenes at the fast-food chain. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.05 Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back Gordon visits Fetch Bistro in Wichita, Kansas. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.55 The Last Leg Ep 5. With guests Kevin Bridges and Sayeeda Warsi. Shown last Friday (S) (SL) (HD)

2.50 Morgan ★★★ Science-fiction thriller. A lab-grown human surpasses the expectations of her creators.
But when tragedy strikes, the decision must be made as to what is actually real and what is artificial.

Lee Weathers	Kate Mara	Dr Simon Ziegler	Toby Jones
Morgan	Anya Taylor-Joy	Amey	Rose Leslie
Dr Alan Shapiro	Paul Giamatti	Skip	Boyd Holbrook

Director Luke Scott (2016, 15) (S) (SL) (W) (HD)

4.25 Couples Come Dine with Me In the north east, Italian dishes and Asian food are on the menu. (R) (S) (HD)

5.20-6.15am Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It
The hosts help Nottingham couple Lexie and Ed decide whether to renovate or sell their home. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC4

9
24 in Scotland

Walking with Steph McGovern 7.30pm A hike around the Yorkshire Dales



7.00pm Great British Railway Journeys

Attleborough to Skegness. In the Norfolk town of Attleborough, Michael Portillo pays a visit to the headquarters of an international horse welfare organisation established in the late 1920s. Continues tomorrow 7pm.
Repeated 1.20am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.30 Walking with Steph McGovern

The broadcaster walks down the lanes of Littondale in the Yorkshire Dales. She meets the residents who call the area home and describes the special place this area holds in her heart.
Repeated 1.50am (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Earth from Space 4/4. Changing Planet. Satellite cameras circling high above Earth provide precise footage of what is going on far below them. In one of the multitude of mushrooming cities, a man feeds thousands of parakeets as an orangutan and her offspring battle for survival in a threatened Sumatran forest. Narrated by Chiwetel Ejiofor.
Producer Barney Revill; Series producer Chloe Sarosh Repeated 2.20am (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Wildest Weather in the Universe: Horizon

Following scientists conducting research into weather on other planets using unmanned spacecraft to study the solar system and the latest telescopes to examine distant worlds. Their findings have revealed phenomena including rains of precious stones, storms that encompass entire worlds and temperatures so hot that the clouds are formed of lava.

Director/Producer Davina Bristow
Repeated tomorrow 1.55am (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 Making Out

5/8 Series 3. Comedy drama first shown in 1991. Klepto paints a mural.
10.50 6/8. A night out at the working men's club is just the tonic for Pauline.
11.40 7/8. Chunky's mate persuades the girls to invest in a racehorse.

12.30am 8/8. Queenie faces up to her past. A box set is on iPlayer.

Norma	Tracie Bennett
Carol May	Shirley Stelfox
Pauline	Rachel Davies
Jill	Melanie Kilburn
Queenie	Margi Clarke
Klepto	Moya Brady
Donna	Heather Tobias
Bernie	Alan David
Colin	David Hargreaves
Frankie	John Forgeham
Avril	Susan Brown
Nancy	Sue Wallace
Chunky	Brian Hibbard
Kip	Tony Haygarth

Writer Debbie Horsfield; Directors Tom Cotter, Richard Spence, Alistair Hallum and Bren Simson
Producers Carol Wilks and John Chapman (R) (S) (HD)

1.20 Great British Railway Journeys

Shown 7pm (S) (AD) (HD)

1.50 Walking with Steph McGovern

Shown 7.30pm (S) (HD)

2.20-3.20am Earth from Space

Shown 8pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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BBC1 SCOTLAND

2.15-3.00pm
Politics Scotland
12.35-1.35am Grime Kids: Bishop prepares to face down Donnie

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm Paramedics on Scene **8.00** The Big Scottish Christmas Book Club **9.00** The Nine **10.00** River City **10.30** Two Doors Down **11.00-12 midnight** Amazing Hotels: Life beyond the Lobby

STV

10.40pm Scotland Tonight: current affairs
11.05-12.20am An Audience with Kylie
1.10-3.00 Night Vision
3.50-5.10 Night Vision: news and sport

ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND

10.45pm Representing Border: political news with Peter MacMahon
11.15-11.55 Border Life

BBC2 WALES

7.00-8.00pm
Celebrity Antiques Road Trip: Michelle Hardwick and Amy Robbins search for antiques in Norfolk
11.15 It's My Shout: Short Films from Wales: double bill
11.40 I'm Homeless: How Will Santa Find Me?: Elen Wyn looks at the homelessness crisis in Wales
12.10-12.15am A to Z of TV Gardening

BBC1 NORTHERN IRELAND

10.40pm The Crime I Can't Forget: a look back at the kidnapping of Don Tidy
11.30 FILM: Die Hard 2
1.30-1.35am The Chronicles of Belfast

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

WEDNESDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Cause of Death 9.00pm Dr James Adeley considers the role of genetics

5.35am Milkshake! See page 88

9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD)

12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 My First Christmas ★★

Drama starring Idara Victor. An author who was adopted as a child is given the chance to visit her biological family.

Director Crystle Roberson (2020) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Santa's Got Style ★★

Romantic comedy. A store executive decides to hire a young Santa but can't find the right model, until a friend volunteers.

Directors Marco Deufemia and Amy Force (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly 2/10 Series 2. Dog trainer Graeme Hall treats a rhodesian ridgeback boxer cross that has become aggressive towards other dogs after being attacked.

Series producer Will Stanford (R) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Shoplifters: Caught Red Handed

A member of staff at a Newton Abbot department store thinks they've seen someone walk past the checkout and leave with one of their expensive coats.

Directors/Producers Jack Brownbill, Tom Charnley, Josh Haddow and Mark Stanton (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Winter on the Farm

3/4 Series 3. Rob and Dave Nicholson take their sheepdog pup Boomerang for obedience lessons and scan their sheep to find out how many lambs to expect in the spring. **The Yorkshire Vet's** Julian Norton takes part in a bat conservation survey, Jules Hudson discovers the mental-health benefits of walking in the forest, and chef Tim Bilton takes on a bread-making machine. (S) (HD)

9.00 Cause of Death

6/6 Series 2. Lancashire Senior Coroner Dr James Adeley explores whether an inherited condition may have caused the sudden death of a 52-year-old woman who lost consciousness while swimming. And the team investigate when they hear that a former colleague has died following a procedure to diagnose a brain tumour. Series director Annaliese Edwards (S) (HD)

10.00 Night Stalker: Terror in a Small Town

Exploring how it took more than 20 years, and the work of FBI profilers and British forensic experts, to uncover the identity of a killer who left behind a trail of rape and murder in Western Australia. (R) (S) (HD)

12 midnight Sleeping with My Murderer First shown on 5 Star (S) (AD) (HD) **1.00am** Casino (S) (HD) **3.00** Friends (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **3.50** A Christmas Cruise with Jane McDonald: the singer recalls visiting Germany and Norway Shown last Thursday (S) (HD) **4.40** Great Artists (R) (S) (HD) **5.05** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL)

5.30-5.35am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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BBC3

23



Bad Education: a Christmas Carol 9.00pm Stephen is visited by a ghost

7.00pm Top Gear

Chris Harris and Matt LeBlanc compete in a race across the Arabian peninsula. (S) (HD) Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

8.00 Gavin & Stacey

4/6 Series 1. The Shipmans travel down from Wales for the wedding fair. (S) (AD) (HD) **8.30 5/6.** The bride-to-be goes on a hen party. More tomorrow 8.30pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Bad Education: a Christmas Carol

As he prepares to leave Abbey Grove for a panto job, Stephen is visited by the ghost of Alfie Wickers. See p83. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.30 The Divergent Series: Allegiant ★★

Sci-fi action adventure with Shailene Woodley and Theo James. Tris and her friends manage to escape Chicago and are intercepted by soldiers who take them to the Bureau of Genetic Welfare.

On iPlayer for 26 days. Review page 89. Director Robert Schwentke (2016, 12) Shown Saturday 8.05pm (S) (W) (HD)

11.20 New. Love, Victor

7/8 Series 3. Felix and Lake open up about their relationship troubles. (S) (HD) **11.50 New. 8/8.** At the Winter Carnival, the gang face decisions about their futures. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

12.20am Bad Education: a Christmas Carol (S) (AD) (HD) **12.50** Gavin & Stacey (S) (AD) (HD)

1.20 Santa Claus the Serial Killer: two editions (S) (HD) **2.20** Bad Education: a Christmas Carol (S) (SL) (AD) (HD) **2.50-3.50am** Gavin & Stacey: double bill (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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ITV2

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6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

12 noon Dinner Date (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **4.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** Dinner Date (S) (HD)

6.00pm **Celebrity Catchphrase: Christmas Special.** Perri Kiely, Anne Hegerty and Rob Brydon hope to win the £50,000 jackpot for their chosen charity. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Family Fortunes Gino D'Acampo hosts as families from Oxfordshire and St Helens play for a shot at the £30,000 jackpot. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 8. Gene disapproves of a new playground game that is throwing the school into chaos. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 The kids set out to find a secret room filled with homemade ceramics. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Unseen Bits The trio serve up a second course of highlights from their road trips across Mexico, the USA and Morocco, featuring more bloopers, blunders and moments they'd rather forget. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Plebs: Soldiers of Rome Feature-length conclusion to the sitcom about a group of desperate young men from the suburbs of ancient Rome. Starring Tom Rosenthal and Ryan Sampson. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.50 Family Guy Series 18. Stewie's serene future life is interrupted by Brian. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.20am Lois gets a job at Chris and Meg's school as a music teacher, but soon becomes the victim of a student's pranks. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.45am American Dad!: double bill (S) (AD) (HD) **1.45** Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10-6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD)

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ITV3

10



Grantchester 10.00pm Leonard is worried about his prison cell-mate

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.05** Never the Twain: Oliver gets a pair of tickets for a rugby match; **8.35** Simon defends his Aunt Eleanor (S) **9.05** Wild at Heart: **7/11 Series 7.** Ed is in charge of the Endangered Species Project while Danny is away Rptd 12.10am; **10.10 8/11.** Everyone is shocked by the arrival of a woman claiming to be Ed's wife Rptd 1.15am (S) (AD) (HD) **11.10** Maigret: **1/6 Series 2.** Maigret and the Night Club Dancer. An erotic dancer reports overhearing a murder plot in the club (S) (AD)

12.20pm Heartbeat: **8/15.** Nick tries to keep the peace during a feud (S) (AD) **1.25** Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Rodney tells Paul he has no room in his life for a son, then Emily discovers Turner has taken more than his daily dosage of pills (S) **2.25** Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Steve tries to talk Tracy out of telling all about their one-night stand, then Kirk steals an engagement ring (S) (AD) **3.25** Midsomer Murders: **Series 9 Vixen's Run.** Barnaby and Jones investigate the death of a local aristocrat (S) (AD)

5.25pm **Downton Abbey 1/9 Series 2.** O'Brien gets her own back after Ethel ruffles her feathers, and Bates returns with life-changing news for Anna. Continues tomorrow 5.40pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

9/15 Series 5. The town of Aidsensfield falls victim to a spate of burglaries – which all seem to be aimed at Maggie. (S) (AD)

8.00 Lewis

Series 7. The Ramblin' Boy. The detective investigates a possible link between the disappearance of a senior police officer and the discovery of a body. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Grantchester

7/8 Series 6. Leonard's prison cell-mate Joe Davies is accused of murdering another inmate. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 8/8. Georgie finds himself implicated in an investigation. Series seven starts tomorrow 10pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Wild at Heart. Shown 9.05am/10.10am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117

+1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) F'sat 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

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6.00am World of Sport (S) (HD) **6.05** Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.05** The Sweeney (S) (SL) **8.05** The Champions (S) **9.05** Robin of Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI: Thomas hunts for kidnappers (S) (HD) **11.20** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12.20pm The Champions (S) **1.25** Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.35** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **3.40** The Sweeney (S) **4.45** Minder: Arthur's safe is targeted (S) (AD) **5.50** BattleBots (S) (HD)

6.55pm **The Best of Saint and Greavise** A look at Jimmy Greaves's Chelsea career, plus insight on Scottish goalkeepers. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Making a tidy profit on automobile memorabilia. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Quantum of Solace ★★ Spy adventure starring Daniel Craig. Following betrayal by his lover, James Bond embarks upon a mission for the truth and comes into contact with the Quantum organisation. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

11.15 The Best of the 80s A look back at a selection of sports during the 1980s. (S) (HD)

11.30 New. EFL Highlights Action from the latest matches. Repeated 12.20am ITV1 (S) (HD)

12.30am All Elite Wrestling: Rampage: hard-hitting wrestling action (S) (HD) **1.35** Minder (S) (SL) (AD)

2.30-3.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118

+1 Freeview 186 Sky 220 Virgin 318

Drama

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PD James: The Murder Room 8.00pm Dalglish (Martin Shaw) is distracted

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small Rptd 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac's insurance medical proves popular, then Mac's alcohol problem hits a new low **9.20** Classic Holby City: Jonny tries to keep up with Jac's plans for Emma Repeated 2.50am (S) (HD)

10.40 Casualty: a moral argument causes a family rift **11.50** The Bill: Kerry's illusions about David Radford are shattered

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Juley is forced to decide whether blood is thicker than water, then Patrick attempts to stop Ian contacting social services **2.05** Pie in the Sky: **5/8 Series 5.** Crabbe babysits a hell-raising footballer (S) **3.05** Bergerac: **2/11 Series 8.** Tony Robinson guest-stars

4.15 All Creatures Great and Small: **5/12 Series 6.** Blood and Water. James gets caught up in a 50-year-old feud. Shown 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand: **6/14 Series 6** Joanna's boyfriend continues to irritate Charlie

6.00pm **Last of the Summer Wine Series 13. Situations Vacant.** Clegg believes Compo's trousers are haunted. (S)

6.40 Series 24. The Secret Birthday of Norman Clegg. Clegg plans a quiet birthday lunch at a nice hotel. (S)

7.20 In Which Gavin Hinchcliffe Loses the Gulf Stream. The pals encounter an old friend renowned for his eccentricity. (S)

8.00 PD James: The Murder Room 2/2. The killing of one member of the Dupayne family is followed by further copycat murders, while Dalglish's feelings for Emma cloud his judgement. (S)

10.00 New Tricks 5/8 Series 3. Wicca Work. The team tracks down members of a witches' coven while trying to solve a ten-year-old murder. (S) (AD)

11.20 Silent Witness Ep 3 Series 24. Reputations. DNA evidence in a murder case appears to implicate a patient who was under anaesthetic at the time of the killing. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40am The Paradise: **3/8 Series 1.** A baby is abandoned in the store **HD 2.50-4.00am** Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

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7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney and Dave (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) **12.25pm** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD)

1.20 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05 New.** The Real Housewives of Dubai: double bill (S) (HD)

6.05pm **FILM A Model Christmas ★★** Romantic drama starring Ask Tsai. During a press tour, bad weather strands model Cali at the family home of her chauffeur. (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Christmas Dinner Date Law student Mimi is given five menus, each put together by a potential blind date. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 New. Billie and Greg: The Family Diaries Christmas comes early for the Shepherds as they do their first photo shoot as a family of five, but Arthur goes AWOL. (S) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk hosts the Australian reality show. (S) (HD)

11.10 The Cabins Mixed messages make things a slow burn for one couple. (S) (HD)

12.10am The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

12.55-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 **+1** Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



More4

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Escape to the Château 6.55pm
Angel and Dick work on the exterior

8.55am Food Unwrapped: Jimmy Doherty visits Mauritius **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm** **Escape to the Château** Dick Strawbridge and his partner Angel throw open the shutters of their 19th-century French château for a new season. (AD) **7.55** **The Dog House** At Woodgreen Pets Charity an American bulldog known as "Buddy the clown" throws his weight around with Manchester couple Katie and James. (AD) **9.00** **The Windsor Castle Fire: The Untold Story** A minute-by-minute account of the battle to save the royal residence in 1992, using newly discovered footage and personal stories from emergency services staff. (AD) **10.00** **The Storms That Stole Christmas** A look at the atrocious weather conditions that beset the country during Christmas 2013, and the Britons who endured the storms, fallen trees, homes without power, train cancellations, airport chaos and flooding. (AD) **11.05** **24 Hours in A&E** The doctors examine Paul, 60, who has collided with a van, and suspect that he may have serious injuries to his pelvis and spine. (AD) **12.10am** Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **1.15** The Storms That Stole Christmas (AD) **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

13

6.00am Hollyoaks Shown last Friday/Monday 7pm (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine: double bill (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** **The Big Bang Theory** **23/24** Series 6. After a few drinks, Sheldon and Amy's relationship takes an unexpected turn. (AD) **6.30** **24/24** Leonard gets offered an exciting opportunity to work abroad. (AD) **7.00** **Hollyoaks** Carter's paranoia rears its head at the Christmas party. Rptd Friday 6.30am **7.30** **Young Sheldon** **9/22** Series 5. George Sr plays handyman for Brenda Sparks. (AD) **8.00** **Modern Family** **16/24** Series 1. Phil and Luke spend father-son time together. **8.30** **17/24** Phil meets a high-school girlfriend. **9.00** **Gogglebox** Opinions on TV shows. (AD) **10.00** **Naked Attraction** Featuring a 24-year-old martial arts instructor from Hull. (AD) **11.05** **First Dates** 90-year-old Raymon is the oldest dater to visit the restaurant. (AD) **12.10am** Gogglebox (SL) (AD) **1.15** Married at First Sight Australia **2.40** Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) **3.30** Gogglebox (SL) (AD) **4.25** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **4.50-6.00am** The Neighborhood

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 **E4 Extra** F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Home Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun (AD) **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Dr Pimple Popper **10.00** Dr Pimple Popper: Pop Ups **11.00** Ghost Adventures **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **2.00am** Home Shopping **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

Really Freeview 17 Freesat 160 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Best of Portrait Artist of the Year 8.00pm
With Stephen and Joan

6.00am Gilbert and Sullivan: a Motley Pair **6.30** Rumpelstiltskin: BalletLORENT **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering Film **12 noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Matisse: from Tate Modern and MoMA **3.00** John Wayne: America at All Costs **4.00** Discovering: Ryan Gosling **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00pm** **Tales of the Unexpected** A ruthless art gallery owner gets a new companion. (AD) **6.30** A love rival is taught a lesson. (AD) **7.00** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** A woman is attacked by an unknown assailant. **7.30** A retired hitman discovers that he has to keep on killing in order to protect his wife. **8.00** **CHOICE New. Best of Portrait Artist of the Year** A look back at the most memorable moments from the tenth series of the competition presented by Stephen Mangan and Joan Bakewell. **See page 82.** **9.00** **Portrait Artist of the Decade** Nine previous winners return to the Battersea Arts Centre to paint Dame Judi Dench. (AD) **10.30** **Decoding Turner** An analysis of the life and work of JMW Turner, revealing possible hidden codes woven into his paintings. (AD) **12.30am** Rothko: Pictures Must Be Miraculous **1.40** Jack B Yeats: the Man Who Painted Ireland **2.50** Alice Walker: Beauty in Truth: a profile of the author's life **4.05** The Agatha Christie Hour (AD) **5.05-6.00am** Cheltenham Literature Festival

Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: in Bristol and Bath **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD) **1.30pm** A Place in the Sun **2.35** Come Dine with Me **5.05** Château DIY at Christmas (AD) **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** Danni Menzies helps Poppy and her dad Philip find an inland holiday home in Andalusia, southern Spain. **7.00** **Jamie's Ultimate Christmas** The chef aims to distill his experience into getting the three foundations of Christmas lunch – turkey, gravy and roast potatoes – just right. (AD) **8.00** **Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts** 1/2 Jamie Oliver shares ideas and shortcuts that save time and money while delivering a sensational seasonal spread. **See choice, page 62.** Shown Monday 8pm Channel 4 (AD) **9.00** **24 Hours in A&E** A 20-year-old is rushed in after coming off her motorbike. (AD) **10.00** **Gogglebox** The critics share their opinions on what they have been watching. **11.05** **The Dog House at Christmas** At Woodgreen Pets Charity, the time has come for some festive matchmaking. **See choice, page 73.** Shown yesterday 8pm Channel 4 **12.05am** Escape to the Château at Christmas (AD) **1.10** George Clarke's Alaskan Adventure **2.15** A Royal Guide to Christmas (AD) **3.20** Inside KFC at Christmas (AD) **4.15-4.45am** Strangers on a Plane

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.30** **New.** Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **12 noon** How Do They Do It? **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00pm** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** The Edinburgh Auction House **10.00** The Repair Shop **11.00** How Do They Do It?: double bill **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air 999 **2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Extreme Car Hoarders **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Great Canal Journeys 8.00pm
Prunella and Timothy visit Stockholm

6.10am Secrets of the Railways (AD) **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: the liberation of Paris **6.00pm** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Travelling from Sofia to Istanbul along the route taken by the Orient-Express. **7.00** **Antiques Roadshow** An episode focusing on Indian art and culture from the Neasden Temple in North London. **8.00** **Great Canal Journeys** Timothy West and Prunella Scales follow the ancient routes of the Vikings to Stockholm and beyond. **9.00** **Bangers and Cash** Derek picks up a Bentley from abroad, and a well-restored Ford XR2 proves popular at auction. **10.00** Dave collects a rare 1970s Sunbeam Lotus from a farmyard, and a Morris Minor convertible goes under the hammer. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** How Aghdam in Azerbaijan was razed to the ground. (AD) **12 midnight** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00am** Secrets of the Railways (AD) **2.00-3.00am** The Architecture of the Railways Built (AD)

Yesterday Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Train Truckers **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure **12 noon** Storage Hunters UK: four back-to-back editions **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure **6.00pm** **Rick Stein's Road to Mexico** The chef heads from San Diego to Tijuana. **7.00** **Richard Osman's House of Games** Rickie Haywood-Williams, Sally Phillips, Vikki Stone and Dan Walker take part. **7.40** Jay Blades, Shaun Keaveny, Rachel Parris and Jan Ravens test their knowledge. **8.20** **Would I Lie to You?** Guests include Maya Jama, Roisin Conaty and Roman Kemp. **9.00** **QI XL** Stephen Fry quizzes guests Bill Bailey, Eddie Izzard and Danny Baker. **10.00** **Would I Lie to You?** Previously unseen material from the panel show. **10.40** More unseen material from the show. **11.20** Comedy panel show, with guests including Dara O Briain and Denise Van Outen. **12 midnight** Mock the Week **12.40am** Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Richard Osman's House of Games **2.00** Meet the Richardsons (AD) **3.00-4.00am** Sneakerhead (AD)

Dave F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave** **Ja Vu** Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** UK Border Force (AD) **11.00** Highway Patrol **12 noon** Motorway Patrol (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line: double bill **3.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1 **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** **New.** NCIS: Los Angeles: the rest of the team must quickly find Callen after he falls for a trap First shown on Sky Showcase **9.00** **New.** The Disappearance of Susan Cox Powell: Susan's husband flees First shown on Sky Crime **10.45** Britain's Most Evil Killers **11.40** World's Most Evil Killers **12.35am** The Force: North East **1.30** Road Wars **2.30** Highway Patrol **4.00** Motorway Patrol **5.00-6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS: triple bill (AD) **11.55** Entertainment News **12 noon** Law & Order: four episodes **3.55pm** Entertainment News **4.00** Law & Order **6.00pm** NCIS Series 14. Triple bill. Gibbs attempts to infiltrate an infamous anti-government militia **7.00** Palmer faces a dilemma **8.00** The team is brought back into contact with the Sherlocks (AD) **9.00** **New.** Criminal Minds Series 8. A murderer leaves cryptic messages at two crime scenes First shown on Sky Witness **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit: five episodes **2.50am** Lucifer **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: in Hammersmith

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain Loving Brits in Blackpool **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD) **5.10pm** **FILM** Designing Christmas ★★ Festive romance starring Jessica Szohr. **7.00** **GPs: behind Closed Doors** Doctors treat a baby who has a lump on his groin, which may require a minor operation. (AD) **8.00** **Casualty** **24/7: Every Second Counts** A new system is introduced at Barnsley casualty, with Sister Benita taking on the role of team leader for the first time. **9.00** **Shoplifters: Stripping the Shelves** Police respond to a call from store staff about a bag full of meat that has not been paid for. **10.00** **999: Critical Condition** Trauma specialist Dr Fawcett treats a woman who has fallen 50 metres down a waterfall. **11.00** **Skin A&E** Dr Shah attempts to "shell out" a giant lipoma. Meanwhile, Dr McMullen sets to work tackling a pair of cysts. (AD) **12 midnight** Revenge: triple bill of the drama **2.35-3.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.15** Police Interceptors **12.15pm** **FILM** The Shepherd of the Hills ★★ Adventure starring John Wayne and Betty Field **2.20** **FILM** Tall Man Riding ★★ Western starring Randolph Scott **4.00** Trucking Hell: a lorry is caught in mud **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **6.00pm** **Police Interceptors** The team have their hands full when a raid reveals a crowbar-wielding suspect with a house full of drugs. **7.00** A speeding motorist causes chaos. **8.00** In Lincolnshire, an officer busts a gang of van thieves and uncovers a major crime. **9.00** **FILM** **King of Thieves** ★★ Crime drama starring Michael Caine and Jim Broadbent. Following the death of his wife, a former career criminal comes out of retirement for one last job: robbing a jewellery vault in London's Hatton Garden. **Review p89.** **11.15** **FILM** **Bonded by Blood** 2 ★ Crime drama starring Sam Strike and George Russo. **1.20am** Ultimate Police Interceptors **2.20** Winter Road Rescue **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

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9.00am Cash in the Attic **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** **FILM** A Gingerbread Christmas ★★ **1.50pm** Entertainment News **2.00** The Yorkshire Vet **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **6.00pm** **World War I in Colour** Fighting reaches unprecedented levels of violence across Europe in September 1915. **7.00** **World War I in Colour** Focusing on the final days of Hitler and the Third Reich. **8.00** The struggle to defeat Japan. **9.00** **Secret Spitfires** A look into the secret history of the Spitfire aircraft. **10.00** **A Wartime Christmas** A family volunteer to experience a 1940s Christmas. **11.00** The difficulties of cooking with rations. **12 midnight** Forged in Fire: double bill of the competition **1.55am** Nazi Megastructures **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

WEDNESDAY Freeview & films

W 25



24 Hours in A&E 9.00pm
Ronald has a head injury

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD)
8.00 Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: Veteran Street **11.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes Drew and Jonathan create a functional house. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: the Big Build Renovating a home for a 12-year-old stroke and cancer sufferer.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Deena and Mike help an elderly woman who has fallen.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A former hairdresser has a possible head trauma after a fall in the night.
10.00 Treating a 95-year-old woman injured in a fall.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad It's a race against time to dig out a man buried under three tonnes of soil.
12 midnight One Born Every Minute **2.00-3.00am** The Haiky Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

W F View 25 F'sat 156 Sky 132 (133 Scotland) Virgin 125 +1 Sky 232 (233 Scotland) Virgin 325

HGTV 44

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **10.00** Home Town: Ben's Workshop **11.00** Bargain Mansions **12 midnight** Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** The Great Interior Design Challenge (AD) **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian Adventure **7.00** Shine on Harvey Moon **8.00** Never the Twin **8.30** After Henry **9.00** The Brothers McGregor **10.00** David Attenborough's Light on Earth **11.00** Monkey **12 noon** Spitfire Voices **1.00pm** FILM The Atomic Submarine ★★ **2.35** FILM It Always Rains on Sunday ★★★★★ (BW) **4.30** Big City Life **4.45** The Avengers (BW) **6.00** News **7.00** Cranford **8.15** The Fall and Rise of Reginald Perrin **9.00** Murder Most Horrid **9.45** Secrets of London with Mark Monroe **10.00** Murder in Suburbia **11.00** Mr Harvey Lights a Candle **12.45am** FILM Two Graves ★★ **2.30** The Comic Strip Presents...: Five Go to Rehab **3.30** News Rewind **5.00-6.00am** Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food 8.00pm

6.00am New. The Kitchen **7.00** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **8.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! **10.00** Tia Mowry at Home **10.30** Giada's Holiday Handbook **11.00** Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Girl Meets Farm **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! **2.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **3.00** Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** Girl Meets Farm **6.00pm** The Great Christmas Bake Off **7.00** New. Marcus Wareing at Christmas: festive showstoppers **7.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! a zucchini di panettone **8.00** Ainsley's Christmas Good Mood Food: turkey biryani and honey-glazed duck **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **11.00** New. Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: competitors attempt to squash Bobby Flay **12 midnight** Buddy vs Christmas **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Cake Wars: Christmas

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **9.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle **1.00pm** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder: double bill **5.00** Murder, She Wrote: double bill **7.00pm** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Marty recalls an old case **10.00** The Persuaders!: Danny and Brett help a grand duchess **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four episodes **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written in Blood **1.00pm** See No Evil **3.00** Medical Detectives: four editions. A woman appeals against a conviction **3.30** A murderer sends his victim's family her last will and testament **4.00** The shooting of Trey Cooley **4.30** Legionnaire's Disease **5.00** Written in Blood: double bill **7.00** Judge Judy **1.00am** Written in Blood: double bill **3.00** See No Evil **4.50** Medical Detectives **5.40-6.00am** Judge Judy

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BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office Questions **8.00** House of Commons **9.30** Live Select Committees **11.30** Live Women and Equalities Questions: questions to Kemi Badenoch, the women and equalities minister **12 noon** Live Prime Minister's Questions **12.35pm** Live House of Commons **7.30** Live House of Lords **10.00** Prime Minister's Questions **10.35** Lords Questions **11.15-7.00am** Lords **BBC Parliament Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 504 Virgin 605**

PBS America 84



Niagara Falls 7.20pm A look at the landscape and wildlife

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created **6.55** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** as 6.10pm **9.35** New. Niagara Falls **10.40** as 8.30pm **11.50** as 9.35pm **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.30** as 6.10pm **2.40** Niagara Falls **3.50** Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis **4.55** Betrayed: Surviving an American Concentration Camp

6.10pm The World after Stonehenge 4/4. Investigating the legacy of the Romans.

7.20 Niagara Falls Exploring the landscape of Niagara Falls.

8.30 Hitler's Slaves: Forced Labour under the Nazis 3/3 The escalation of the system.

9.35 Betrayed: Surviving an American Concentration Camp The story of a group of American citizens incarcerated for their race.

10.50 Niagara Falls As 7.20pm.

12 midnight as 8.30pm **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** as 6.10pm **2.45** as 9.35pm **3.50** Plane Crash Re-created **4.45-6.00am** Jazz

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Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.20** Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof Is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00pm** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30** New. Container Wars: a container with an item needing a special operating licence **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00** New. Paranormal Survivor: people who have lived through experiences that defy explanation **10.00** New. Haunted Hospitals: paranormal activity inside medical buildings **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 midnight** Secrets in the Ice **1.00am** Hunting Nazi Treasure **2.00** Irish Pickers **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars **4.10** Air Crash: Disasters Uncovered **5.00-6.00am** Pawn Stars

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Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt: experts David Barby and Chris Gower help contestants find antiques in Built Wells, Powys **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt: Colin Young and James Braxton help look for bargains in Berkshire **5.00** Bullseye **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire: quiz show presented by Chris Tarrant **7.00** Weakest Link **8.00** The Chase: quiz show hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **11.00** Tenable: a team from Cumbria competes. Warwick Davis hosts **12 midnight** Weakest Link **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye: double bill

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CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pip and Posy **5.45** Paw Patrol **6.00** New. Milkshake! News **6.10** Milkshake! Badgers: Their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy **6.35** Odo **6.40** Tweedy & Fluff **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Pip and Posy **7.40** Paddington **8.00** New. Animal Care Club **8.15** New. Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05-9.15am** New. Milkshake! Jen's Jolly Bakes

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurus **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.10** Hey Duggee **7.25** Bluey **7.40** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.05** Octonauts **8.40** Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50** Nick Cope's Popcast **9.00** Bing **9.05** Yakkadee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Diddap **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.00** My Petsaurus **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Toddler Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40** New. Olga Da Polya **10.50** Gecko's Garage **10.55** Bluey **11.00** Supertato **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** Nick Cope's Popcast **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.30** Get Well Soon **12.40** Andy's Safari Adventures **1.00** Yakkadee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Hey Duggee **1.25** Love Monster **1.40** Colourblocks **1.45** Something Special **2.00** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Diddap **2.25** Supertato **2.30** Go Jetters **2.45** Maddy's Do You Know? **3.00** Andy's Safari Adventures **3.15** New. Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **3.55** New. Dog Squad **4.10** The Game Catchers **4.15** Bluey **4.30** Supertato **4.40** Go Jetters **4.50** Stick Man **5.20** Roots and Fruits **5.25** Sarah & Duck **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** CBeebies Bedtime Stories

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CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.10** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45** New. Newsround **7.55** Grizzly and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.35** Andy and the Band **9.50** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **10.00** Lagging **10.20** What's Cooking Omari? **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bitesize **11.20** After Life: Rot Box Detectives **11.30** Our Boarding School **11.55** Danger Mouse **12.15pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.50** Dennis & Gnasher **1.25** Grizzly and the Lemmings **1.40** Summer Camp Island **1.55** 4 o'Clock Club **2.20** Jamie Johnson FC **2.50** Ooglies Funszie **2.55** The Zoo **3.10** The Deep **3.30** Danger Mouse **3.40** Ninja Express **3.55** Taffy **4.00** Grizzly and the Lemmings **4.15** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05** Total Dramarama **5.30** So Awkward **6.00** Horrible Histories **6.30** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **6.35-7.00pm** The Next Step

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ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2
6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **8.10** What's New Scooby-Do? **8.35-9.00am** Scooby-Do! and Guess Who?

ITVBe
9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu **10.50** Bob the Builder **11.15** Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am Comanche Station ★★★★★ Bleak and underrated western with Randolph Scott rescuing a rancher's wife. (1960, PG) (S)
12.35pm The Red Pony ★★ Awkward blend of children's adventure and social realist drama based on the John Steinbeck tale. Robert Mitchum, Myrna Loy (1949, PG) (S)
2.30 Attack! ★★★★★ Grim Second World War drama in which a lieutenant swears revenge on the officer who endangered the lives of his men. Jack Palance (1956, PG) (S) (AD)
4.40 The Man from Laramie ★★★★★ James Stewart seeks the man responsible for supplying the guns that killed his brother in this exciting western. (1955, U) (S) (AD)
6.45pm The Eagle ★★★ A Roman commander and his slave venture beyond Hadrian's Wall to retrieve a ceremonial eagle in this rugged historical drama. Review, right. (2010, 12) (S) (AD)
9.00 Ben-Hur ★★★ Brash remake of the period epic with Jack Huston as the prince reduced to a slave by the man he considered a brother. (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

11.25 Resistance ★★ Jesse Eisenberg plays Marcel Marceau in the true story of his efforts to save children in wartime. Review, right. (2020, 15) (S) (AD)

1.50-4.00am xXx: Return of Xander Cage ★★ Convulsed spy caper sequel. Vin Diesel (2017, 12) (S) (AD)

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6.00am Burke's Law TV drama.
7.00 Assignment Redhead ★ Dismal thriller. Richard Denning (1956, PG) (S)
8.35 Jackpot ★★ An ex-con plans a nightclub heist in this drama. William Hartnell (1960) (S) **10.10 Together** TV drama. **10.35 One Way Pendulum** ★★ Bizarre comedy about a dotty family. Review, right. Eric Sykes (1965, U) (S)
12.15pm Prisoners of the Tower TV documentary. (c) **1.00 The Battle of the V1** ★★ Fittingly exciting "doodlebugs" drama about the British discovery of the Nazis' secret weapon. Michael Rennie (1958, PG) (S)
3.05 Rawhide ★★ Unusually suspenseful western in which a stagecoach station is taken over by a band of outlaws planning a robbery. Tyrone Power, Susan Hayward (1951, PG) (S)
4.55 Johnny Ringo TV western. (S)
5.25 The Westerner TV western. (S)
6.00pm For the Love of Ada Vintage TV sitcom. (c)
6.35 The Frozen North Silent comedy starring Buster Keaton.
6.55 MR James: A Warning to the Curious TV drama. (S)
8.00 Public Eye TV drama series.
9.05 The File of the Golden Goose ★ Yul Brynner pursues a gang of international counterfeiters to London in this dreary thriller. Charles Gray, Edward Woodward (1969) (S)
11.10 The Wimbledon Poisoner Black comedy with Robert Lindsay. (S)
1.40am 1950s Puzzle Corner Archive footage from the 1950s.
2.00 The Main Chance TV drama.
3.05 The Changeling ★★ Scary ghost story about a widower who moves into a lonely house that is haunted by the spirit of a murdered child. George C Scott, Trish Van Devere, Melvyn Douglas (1980, 15) (S) **5.20-6.00am** Terminus TV documentary. (S)
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FILM REVIEWS



FILM
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Die Hard 2 ★★★★★ 10.40pm-12.35am **BBC1**
(starts 11.30pm in N Ireland) **18**

ACTION Bruce Willis wonders aloud how it could happen to him again as he dons the white singlet for this second hugely entertaining slice of hokum. Director Renny Harlin makes no attempt to re-create the intriguing battle of wits between Alan Rickman and Willis from the original film, and instead cheerfully piles on the grand explosions and set pieces. This time, Willis uncovers a terrorist plot on the ground and in the air, as he waits for his wife (Bonnie Bedelia) to fly in to a snowbound Washington airport for Christmas. **JOHN FERGUSON** (US 1990, violence, swearing, nudity, HD)

One Way Pendulum ★★★★★
10.35am-12.15pm
Talking Pictures TV **U**

COMEDY This adaptation of NF Simpson's surreal stage play follows Mr Groomkirby (Eric Sykes) as he constructs a model of the Old Bailey in his living room, while his son (Jonathan Miller) teaches Speak Your Weight machines to sing. The film has a quirky period charm and climaxes with a do-it-yourself murder trial. **DICK FIDDY** (UK 1965, BW)

Forbidden Cargo ★★
1.00-2.50pm **Legend** **PG**

CRIME Customs agent Nigel Patrick tries to stop drug smugglers from polluting our shores in director Harold French's cosy but unexciting thriller. Patrick is supported by a British cast that includes the ever-delightful Joyce Grenfell as an aristocratic bird-watcher, as well as Elizabeth Sellars, Jack Warner and Terence Morgan. **ADRIAN TURNER** (UK 1954, BW)

The Eagle ★★★★★
6.45-9.00pm **Film4** **12**

HISTORICAL DRAMA A Roman commander ventures into the wilds beyond Hadrian's Wall to clear his family name in this gritty tale. Channing Tatum brings plenty of brawn but a rather one-note brooding to the role

of Marcus Aquila, and his relationship with a freed slave (Jamie Bell) lacks depth. But the film succeeds in delivering a convincing, rugged portrait of second-century life. **TREVOR JOHNSTON** (UK/US 2010, edited for violence, HD)

King of Thieves ★★★★★
9.00-11.15pm **5 Action** **15**

CRIME The Hatton Garden robbery over Easter weekend in 2015 is stylishly recounted in this all-star movie. Michael Caine plays the criminal mastermind, while Michael Gambon and Paul Whitehouse provide the comic relief. But it's Jim Broadbent's co-conspirator who makes the biggest impression, as his avuncular exterior gives way to genuine menace. **TERRY STAUNTON** (UK 2018, swearing, HD)

Midnight Run ★★★★★
9.00-11.30pm **Legend** **18**

THRILLER In this enjoyable variant on the odd-couple theme, Robert De Niro's bounty hunter goes on the run with an accountant (Charles Grodin) who has embezzled \$15 million from the Mob. A cross-country trip from New York to LA turns into a saga of trains, car crashes and skirmishes. This is a first-class road movie, and Grodin is a joy. **ADRIAN TURNER** (US 1988, violence, swearing)

The Divergent Series: Allegiant ★★

9.30-11.20pm **BBC3** **12**

SCI-FI The third and final entry in the series sees Tris (Shailene Woodley) and Four (Theo James) break out of Chicago, only for an uncertain reality to await them. Following the dreary *Insurgent*, this instalment throws a lot of action at the screen, but to little effect. Jeff Daniels is a great addition to the cast, but this is a confused swan song for the saga. **VICTORIA LUXFORD** (US 2016, some violence, swearing, HD)

Cold Skin ★★★★★ 10.45pm-12.50am **Legend Xtra** **15**

HORROR A war rages between a gruff lighthouse keeper and a race of amphibious humanoids in this claustrophobic horror. *Cold Skin* is genuinely gruesome at times, but Ray Stevenson is compelling as the odious main character. While the story holds very few surprises, the wind-lashed visuals are exquisite. **DAVE GOLDER** (Sp/Fr 2017, violence, swearing)

Resistance ★★★★★
11.25pm-1.50am **Film4** **15**

DRAMA Jesse Eisenberg lends weight to this heartfelt true story. He plays Marcel Marceau, the mime who developed his character Bip the Clown partly to entertain Jewish families who had fled to France from the Nazis during the Second World War. Jonathan Jakubowicz's film is best when it gives its star the room to shine. **STEVE MORRISSEY** (UK/Fr/Ger/US 2020, violence, sex scenes, HD)

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Sky Cinema picks

Star Trek II: the Wrath of Khan ★★★★★ 1.40-3.50pm
Sky Cinema Sci-Fi/Horror
An old enemy returns. (1982, 12)
Sky 311; Virgin 411; BT 511/525

The Truman Show ★★★★★
6.15-8.00pm **Sky Favourites**
Jim Carrey on TV. (1998, PG)
Sky 304; Virgin 404; BT 504/518

The Last Rifleman ★★★★★
8.00-9.50pm
Sky Best of 2023
An old soldier (Pierce Brosnan) commemorates D-Day. (2023)
Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p34
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Great Movies 34

9.00am Murders at the Lake ★★
Twisting hit-and-run thriller. Nicky Whelan, Anna Hutchison (2019) **10.55 Kill Thy Neighbor** ★★ Melodramatic thriller. Andrea Bogart, Hannah Barefoot (2018) **1.00pm I Do, I Do, I Do** ★★ Fluffy but fun romcom. Autumn Reeser, Shawn Roberts (2015) **2.55 Love Locks** ★★ Romantic comedy. Rebecca Romijn, Jerry O'Connell (2017) **5.00 Two Wrongs** ★★ Predictable thriller. Gillian Zinser (2015) **7.05pm Paul Blart: Mall Cop** ★★ Fitfully funny comedy starring Kevin James as a bumbling security guard. Jayma Mays (2009, PG) **9.00 The Stepfather** ★★ Lacklustre retread of the cult 1986 horror, starring Nip/Tuck's Dylan Walsh. Penn Badgley (2009, 15) **11.10 The Whistleblower** ★★★★★ Grim but powerful drama about a cop who uncovers a child-trafficking network in Bosnia. Rachel Weisz (2010, 15) **1.25am A Date to Die For** ★★ Predictable thriller. Victoria Pratt, Bart Johnson, Jennifer Taylor (2015) **3.30 Wild West Chronicles** **4.00-5.40am** Aurora Teagarden Mysteries: Heist and Seek **Great Movies** Freewiew 34 **Freesat** 302 **Sky** 321 **Virgin** 425 **+1 Freewiew** 61 (limited 10pm-5am) **Sky** 322

Great Action 42

8.10am Wild West Chronicles **8.40 Coroner Creek** ★★ Routine western. Randolph Scott (1948, U) **10.35 Atlantic Convoy** ★★ Cheap but enjoyable drama. Bruce Bennett, Virginia Field (1942, U) **12 noon Wild West Chronicles** **1.00pm The Pathfinder** ★★ Two Mohican tribesmen spy for the British to reap revenge on their Mingo enemy. George Montgomery, Helena Carter (1952, U) **2.40 Massacre Canyon** ★★ Straightforward B-western. Phil Carey, Audrey Totter (1954, U) **4.15 Battle Honours** **5.25 The Red Beret** ★★★★★ An American joins up with an elite British corps in this Second World War drama. Alan Ladd, Leo Genn (1953, PG) **7.15pm Solar Flare** ★★ Absurd disaster movie. Tracey Gold (2007) **9.00 The Shanghai Job** ★★ Predictable thriller. Orlando Bloom (2017, 15) **10.55 Kill 'Em All** ★★ Tired-looking, typically bruising action thriller. Jean-Claude Van Damme (2017, 15) **12.50am Redline** ★★ Fast and the Furious-style action thriller. Mathias Phillips (2007, 12) **2.40 War Machines** **3.50-5.00am** Battle Honours **Great Action** Freewiew 42 (limited) **F'sat** 305 **Sky** 323 **Virgin** 426 **+1 Sky** 324

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am All I Want for Christmas ★★ Predictable comedy. Melissa Sagemiller (2013) **10.00 A Shoe Addict's Christmas** ★★ Enjoyable mash-up of A Christmas Carol and It's a Wonderful Life. Candace Cameron Bure (2018) **12 noon Charming Christmas** ★★ Routine romance. Julie Benz, David Sutcliffe (2015) **2.00pm A Taste of Christmas** ★★ Romantic mystery. Laura Bell Bundy (2017) **4.00 Christmas Cookies** ★★ Sweet small-town tale. Wes Brown (2016) **6.00pm Love Always, Santa** ★★ Sweet and soppy romantic tale. Marguerite Moreau, Mike Faola (2016) **8.00 My Santa** ★★ Sentimental festive fantasy. Samaira Armstrong (2013) **10.00 Once upon a Christmas** ★★ Fluffy fantasy. Briana Evigan (2015) **12 midnight Christmas with a Prince - The Royal Wedding** ★★ Romantic festive fluff. Kaitlyn Leeb, Nick Hounslow (2018) **2.00am Highway to Heaven** **3.00-5.00am A Golden Christmas** ★★ Mushy romantic tale. Andrea Roth, Nicholas Brendon (2009, U) **Great Movies Christmas** Freewiew 52 **Freesat** 303 **Sky** 319 **Virgin** 424 **+1 F'view** 63 (limited 10pm-5am) **F'sat** 304 **Sky** 320

Sky Premiere

6.00am A Thousand and One ★★★★★ Empathetic indie drama about the changing fortunes of a single mother. Teyana Taylor, William Catlett (2023, 15) **8.05 As 5.50pm 10.15 As 4.05pm 12 noon As 8pm 2.05pm The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** ★★★★★ A retiree sets out on a 500-mile hike to visit an ailing friend. **Review p36.** Jim Broadbent (2023, 12) **4.05 Mummies** ★★★★★ Breezy fish-out-of-water animated comedy. **Review p36.** Joe Thomas, Eleanor Tomlinson (2023, U) **5.50pm The Three Musketeers: D'Artagnan** ★★★★★ Vivid and exciting swashbuckler with a French cast led by Vincent Cassel. (2023, 15) **8.00 May December** ★★★★★ An actor spends time with the woman whose life story she is to portray. **Review p36.** Natalie Portman (2023, 15) **10.05 Beau Is Afraid** ★★★★★ An anxious New Yorker faces a series of surreal obstacles while trying to visit his mother. Joaquin Phoenix (2023, 15) **1.15am As 2.05pm 3.10 Renfield** ★★★★★ Horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nifty assistant to Count Dracula. Nicolas Cage (2023, 15) **4.45 As 6am Sky Premiere Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend 41

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00 The Six Million Dollar Man** **10.00 Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** **11.00 Post Impact** ★★ Passable but cheap disaster movie. Dean Cain (2004) **1.00pm Forbidden Cargo** ★★ Cosy drug-smuggling crime drama. **Review, right.** Nigel Patrick (1954, PG) **3.00 Incident at Phantom Hill** ★★ Watchable if unspectacular western. Robert Fuller (1966, PG) **5.00 Star Trek** **6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** TV sci-fi adventure series. **7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man** TV sci-fi starring Lee Majors. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV action drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 Midnight Run** ★★★★★ Robert De Niro displays his natural talent for humour in this fast-moving comedy thriller. **Review, right.** (1988, 18) **11.30 Night Drive** ★★ Tight, gripping thriller about a ride share driver. AJ Bowen, Sophie Dalah (2019, 18) **1.05am Desolation** ★★ Tense but largely undercooked horror. (2017, 15) **2.40-4.30am Itsy Bitsy** ★★ Chilling horror that's a no-go for arachnophobes. Elizabeth Roberts (2019, 15) **Legend F'view** 41 **F'sat** 137 **Sky** 148 **Virgin** 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am The Curse of King Tut's Tomb **10.00 Andromeda** **11.00 Arctic Apocalypse** ★★ A family fights to survive the onset of a new ice age in this confusing, low-budget disaster movie. Lauren Esposito, Eric Paul Erickson (2019) **1.00pm The Curse of King Tut's Tomb: adventure** starring Casper Van Dien. **3.00 Andromeda:** TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. **4.00 Star Trek** **5.00 Fire Serpent** ★★ Hokey sci-fi horror about a fireman fighting a solar alien that's lurking on Earth. Nicholas Brendon (2007) **7.00pm Andromeda** TV sci-fi series. **8.00 Star Trek** TV sci-fi drama. **9.00 Hostile** ★★★★★ In this well-acted post-apocalypse chiller, a wounded woman reflects on her life while being stalked by a mutant predator. Brittany Ashworth (2017, 15) **10.45 Cold Skin** ★★★★★ Slick period creature feature in which two men fend off nocturnal attacks by amphibian predators on an island near the Antarctic Circle. **Review, right.** Ray Stevenson (2017, 15) **1.00-3.00am Hostile** As 9pm **Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371

Sky Showcase



A League of Their Own 9.00pm Patrice Evra

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Planet Shark (AD) **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** The Simpsons

6.00pm **The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air** 8/24 Series 6. Will and Carlton head for Las Vegas. **6.30** 9/24. Uncle Phil treats himself and Will to a massage.

7.00 **The Simpsons** Marge opens a pretzel franchise. **7.30** An avalanche traps Homer and Mr Burns in a mountain cabin.

8.00 **New. Best of Portrait Artist of the Year** 12/12 Series 10 Highlights from the competition.

9.00 **A League of Their Own** Ep 8 Series 18. Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett join in for a Christmas special. See page 83.

10.00 **New. The Lazarus Project** 5/8 Series 2. Janet is tasked with fixing the defective time machine. See page 83.

10.55 **Ricky Gervais: Fame** The comedian's hit one-man show. **12.25am** Caught on Dashcam **1.25** Sex and the City: double bill **2.30** Street Crime UK **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown

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Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Blood and Treasure **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill **2.00pm** Blood and Treasure **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm **Star Trek: Deep Space Nine** 14/26 Series 3. Kira's life is put at risk while pursuing a renegade Maquis ship. **7.00** 15/26. Sisko ignores an old prophecy of doom and teams up with the Cardassians on a technological venture.

8.00 **Star Trek: Enterprise** 12/26 Series 2. The crew members are threatened by aliens when they take refuge during a radioactive storm.

9.00 **Train** 11/12. Do-Won returns back to his world after getting shot by his suspect. Meanwhile, in World B, Seo-kyung discovers an unexpected clue. **10.15** 12/12. Do-Won saves Mi-Sook, but she points a gun at Seo-Kyung. Thinking he keeps on putting Seo-Kyung in danger, Do-Son makes a difficult decision.

11.35 **5-Headed Shark Attack** ★ Fourth instalment in the schlock horror series, this time starring Chris Bruno.

1.20am Trickster **2.15** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.10** Stargate Universe **4.05-6.00am** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122 EE 348/HD 363 +1 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Watchmen 9.00pm The past comes back to haunt Angela

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.00** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.30** True Blood: two episodes

5.40pm **Billions** 8/12 Series 3 Axe tries for a fresh start at Axe Capital, and Chuck asserts his political autonomy. (AD)

6.50 9/12. Axe makes a bold play to secure capital from a controversial source. Elsewhere, Chuck recruits new allies. (AD)

7.55 **Game of Thrones** 8/10 Series 2. Robb Stark discovers he has been betrayed by one of his closest friends. Daenerys ignores Jorah Mormont's advice. (AD)

9.00 **Watchmen** 2/9. Haunted by the past, Angela detains a man who claims to be behind Tulsa's most recent murder. (AD)

10.05 **Westworld** 5/10 Series 1 Delores and William find themselves in Pariah. The Man in Black takes on an unlikely ally. (AD)

11.10 6/10. Elsie discovers evidence that could point to sabotage. Teddy and the Man in Black clash with a garrison. (AD)

12.15am White House Plumbers (AD) **1.20** Trackers (AD) **2.25** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets: double bill (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales) EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am UK Border Force (AD) **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) **10.00** Highway Cops **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed

4.30pm **Nothing to Declare** Seven editions following the work of customs officers in Australia.

8.00 **The Equalizer** 12/18 Series 3. The team helps a man who woke up behind a dumpster with a gun in his hand. (AD)

9.00 **The Rookie** 3/20 Series 2 Tension builds between Officer Nolan and Jessica. Officer Lopez learns some surprising news. (AD)

10.00 **Chicago Fire** 1/22 Series 11. Kidd and Severide's honeymoon is interrupted by a dangerous person from their past.

11.00 **The Rookie** 14/14 Series 3 Nolan mildly injures himself while chasing a shoplifter, and the local district attorney wants to charge the suspect with assault. (AD)

12 midnight **FBI** 1.00am FBI: International (AD) **2.00** **New. FBI** 18/23 Series 5. A gunned-down trucker leads the team to a criminal on the Most Wanted list. Rptd Thu 9pm

3.00 **New. FBI: International** 18/22 Series 2. A Russian hitman is looking for revenge on Forrester. Rptd Thu 10pm **4.00** The Resident **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110 EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



The Christmas Movie Countdown 8.00pm Simon

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm **Stargate SG-1** 13/22 Series 6. An ancient relic causes the team members to hallucinate. **7.00** 14/22. O'Neill is accused of assassinating a politician.

8.00 **The Christmas Movie Countdown** Simon Callow reveals the Yuletide number one, as voted for by the public. (AD)

9.00 **A League of Their Own** Ep 8 Series 18. Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett join in for a Christmas special. See page 83.

10.00 **New. The Lazarus Project** 5/8 Series 2. Janet is tasked with fixing the defective time machine to stop the three-week loop in the future. See page 83.

11.00 **Escape Plan** ★★ Action thriller starring Sylvester Stallone. A prison designer is framed for a crime and finds himself incarcerated in a penitentiary that he designed. (W)

1.10am Strike Back: Silent War (AD) **2.05** Road Wars Christmas Special **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111 EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops **12 noon** Highway Patrol **1.00pm** Motorway Patrol **2.00** Most Haunted **4.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00** Merlin: double bill. Merlin is attacked by a terrifying winged creature, then a mysterious physician arrives in Camelot (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops **9.00** Jamestown: double bill. Redwicks sees a chance to stir up civil unrest, then news that Henry is alive spreads through the settlement (AD) **11.00** CHOICE A League of Their Own: a Christmas special with Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett. See p83 **12 midnight** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) **1.00am** The Real A&E (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **1.00pm** An Unexpected Killer **2.00** Killer in My Village **3.00** Most Evil Killers **5.00** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **6.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (AD) **9.00** CHOICE **New. The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer** See page 83 **10.00** Most Evil Killers **11.00** Killer in My Village **12 midnight** Murdered at First Sight **1.00am** Most Evil Killers **1.50** An Unexpected Killer **2.40** Street Crime UK **3.10** Killer Siblings **4.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121 EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



Mrs Brown's Boys 9.00pm Rory goes under the knife

7.10am The Two Ronnies **9.25** Still Open All Hours **10.00** Last of the Summer Wine: double bill **12.40pm** The Green Green Grass **1.40** Murder on the Blackpool Express (AD) **3.40** Only Fools and Horses (AD) **5.20** The Vicar of Dibley (AD)

6.20pm **dinnerladies** Bren's romance with Tony is ruined by the reappearance of her husband. (AD)

7.05 **Only Fools and Horses** Del and Rodney get the chance to leave Peckham behind for a holiday in the Florida sun. (AD)

8.10 **The Vicar of Dibley** Geraldine plays Cupid in the Christmas edition from 1997. (AD)

9.00 **Mrs Brown's Boys** With Christmas approaching, Rory is going under the knife and Cathy is keeping a secret from Agnes.

9.40 **The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup** Jim and Barbara receive money from their children – but what to do with it? (AD)

11.00 **Harry Enfield and Chums** Comedy sketches. (AD)

11.55 **Live at the Apollo** Featuring Tanyalee Davis, Hal Crutenden and Josh Widdicombe.

12.55am **Mrs Brown's Boys** **1.35** The Two Ronnies: songs and sketches **2.35-4.00am** The Royle Family: the Golden Egg Cup (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124 EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **9.00** The Conners **10.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** House of Lies **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** Vice Principals (AD) **2.10** House of Lies **3.20** Entourage **4.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00** The Conners **6.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **7.00** Will & Grace: double bill. Karen thinks she might be pregnant, then Will's brother falls for Grace (AD) **8.00** The Office US **9.00** Smothered **10.00** Breeders: double bill. Paul and Ally hear that Maya is giving birth five weeks early, then Paul and Ally try to help Luke **11.00** Ricky Gervais: Fame: a recording of the comedian's hit one-man show **12.30am** **New. The Tonight Show** Starring Jimmy Fallon **1.30** Sex and the City **2.40** Bounty Hunters (AD) **3.45-5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales) Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Teen Disasters **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Parties **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show **10.00** Home Improvement **12 noon** Last Man Standing **2.00pm** The Middle **4.25** Friends: nine episodes (AD) **9.00** Michael McIntyre's Big Show: with guest stars Marvin and Rochelle Humes, and music from the Vamps **10.00** Harry Hill Live – Sausage Time: performance at the New Theatre, Oxford, from 2013 **11.20** **New. The Alasdair Beckett-King Mysteries:** a stand-up show by the comedian **12.30am** The Ricky Gervais Show **1.00** South Park **2.30** Beavis and Butt-Head **3.05** **New. The Daily Show** **3.30** Guessable? **4.15-5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales) Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360 +1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Father Brown 8.00pm Tensions are mounting in Kempleford

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **5.00** Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm **Without a Trace** 10/24 Series 5. The team search for a woman who is believed to have one month left to live.

7.00 **Elementary** 20/24 Series 3 Holmes and Watson uncover a threat to national security as they investigate the murder of a sceptic.

8.00 **Father Brown** 7/15 Series 3 When the father of a writer is found dead, tensions mount against travellers in Kempleford. (AD)

9.00 **Death in Paradise** 6/8 Series 4. A volleyball player is stabbed through the heart. (AD)

10.00 **Father Brown** 8/15 Series 3 The priest and his friends are stranded with a group of hedonists and desperate to escape. (AD)

11.00 **Rizzoli & Isles** 12/15 Series 3. Jane and Maura investigate a seeming suicide. (AD)

12 midnight **Elementary** 1.00am Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas: remains are found in the bath (AD) **2.55-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin HD 114 EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Arctic Ice Railroad (AD) **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** Building off the Grid **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **6.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers **8.00** Railroad Alaska: a rogue gunman threatens a delivery **9.00** **New. The Garden: Commune or Cult?** Team Tree and Team Patrick are at odds, threatening the unified collective (AD) **10.00** Gold Rush: White Water: Dustin takes a new approach **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot **12 midnight** Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.00am** The Garden: Commune or Cult? (AD) **2.00** Gold Rush: White Water **3.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (AD)

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177 EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** How the Universe Works **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill (AD) **12 noon** Combat Dealers **2.00pm** How the Universe Works **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History (AD) **6.00** Combat Dealers **7.00** Expedition Unknown: investigating the Dead Sea Scrolls **8.00** Greatest Events of World War II **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **11.30** Shed and Buried **12 midnight** How It's Made **1.00am** Combat Dealers **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Greatest Events of World War II **4.00-5.00am** Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181 +1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

Sky Documentaries



Dying to Divorce 11.50pm
Turkish lawyer Ipek Bozkurt

6.00am Positive (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Gregory Peck (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** The Essex Murders (AD) **12 noon** FILM Undeclared **1.00pm** American football documentary (W) **2.10pm** Stasi FC **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Gregory Peck (AD)

6.00pm The 2000s Terrorism in the US during the decade, including the attacks on 11 September 2001.

6.55 The Vow The group reflects on how their ideas about gender roles may have contributed to the foundation of DOS. (AD)

8.00 The Essex Murders The killing of three notorious criminals who were found shot to death in December 1995. (AD)

9.00 Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator Women who brought down a predatory Italian policeman. See choice, p42.

10.00 The Child in the Box: Who Killed Ursula Herrmann? The 40-year-old case of the disappearance and murder of a ten-year-old German girl.

11.50 Dying to Divorce Turkey's gender-based violence crisis.

1.30am Queen of Speed (AD) **3.20** Fake Famous **5.00-6.00am** Discovering: Gregory Peck (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **11.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **12 noon** Car SOS **1.00pm** Ice Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand (AD) **4.00** The Great Barrier Reef: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: experts examine dashcam footage from a plane crash **8.00** Finding Michael: Spencer Matthews travels to Mount Everest to locate and recover the body of his brother Michael **10.00** Car SOS: a 1984 Opel Manta GTE owned by a former amateur rally driver (AD) **11.00** Air Crash Investigation: Scandinavian Airlines Flight 751 (AD) **12 midnight** Airport Security: Rome **1.00am** Banged Up Abroad **2.00** Food Factory USA **2.55-5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Counting Cars **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00pm** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** New. Mysteries from Above: a Turkish drought reveals an ancient Basilica **9.00** New. Curse of Skinwalker Ranch **10.00** Alien Deception: the Biggest Lie in History **11.30** Pawn Stars **12.30am** Salvage Kings **1.30** Nature Gone Wild: a tree-climbing bear **2.00** Mountain Men **3.00** Mysteries from Above **4.00-6.00am** Counting Cars

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Great Blue Wild 9.00pm
Manta rays off Indonesia

6.00am Ol Pejeta Diaries **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **10.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **11.00** Chasing the Rains **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **4.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **5.00** Chasing the Rains

6.00pm Brazil Untamed The dry season brings giant anteaters, maned wolves and greater rheas into the area.

7.00 Monkey Life Ayla is moved and meets new alpha male Enzo. **7.30** Chimpanzee Kalu's health gives everyone cause for concern.

8.00 Whale with Steve Backshall Steve reveals the hunting strategies of whales and dolphins.

9.00 Great Blue Wild The mysterious manta rays living in the waters of Raja Ampat, Indonesia.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

11.00 Chasing the Rains Cheetah Kuleta mourns her loss after lions kill one of her cubs.

12 midnight Australia's Hidden Islands **1.00am** Wild Castles **2.00** Whale with Steve Backshall **3.00** Great Blue Wild **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00-6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Forbidden History: nine back-to-back editions of the series (AD) **6.00** Forbidden History: six editions. Jamie Theakston explores the possibility that Jesus was married with children **7.00** Investigating whether giants once roamed Earth **8.00** Jamie Theakston travels to Jerusalem in search of Solomon's Temple, and investigates whether it is possible its riches lie under the city **9.00** Author Joy Hancox talks to Jamie about London's alchemic roots and the figure of English poet John Byrom **10.00** Jamie Theakston looks at the lost city of Petra in Jordan **11.00** Possible hidden treasures on an uninhabited island in Nova Scotia (AD) **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Forbidden History: five editions (AD) **5.30-6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** Celebrity Animal Encounters **3.00** Crisley! It's the Irwins **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked: with NBA superstar Anthony Davis **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees: a family emergency **8.00** How Sharks Hunt: the hunting approaches of tiger sharks and great whites (AD) **9.00** Sharktacular 2016: hosted by Eli Roth **10.00** Edge of Alaska **11.00** The Zoo **1.00am** Alaska Monsters: searching for a gigantic bear-like creature **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00-5.00am** Tanked **Animal Planet** Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440

6.00am Sky Sports News **7.00** Good Morning Sports Fans **8.00** LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers, the T20 match from Melbourne Cricket Ground. **11.45** My Icon: Leon McKenzie (AD) **12 noon** The Football Show **1.00pm** Lunchtime Live **2.00** Sports Desk **5.00** Sky Sports News **7.30** LIVE Championship Football Middlesbrough v Hull City, coverage from the Riverside Stadium (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Back Pages Tonight **11.00-6.00am** Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442

6.00am Classic Play-Off Finals **9.00** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** League Cup Retro **12 noon** Championship Highlights **2.00pm** Scottish Premiership **2.15** German Football: highlights **3.15** Championship Highlights **3.30** Women's Super League Football **4.00** Championship Highlights **5.30** Women's Super League Football **6.00** Championship Highlights **6.30** League One and Two Goals **7.00** Championship Highlights **7.30** LIVE Championship Football Middlesbrough v Hull City, coverage from the Riverside Stadium (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Italia 90: Four Weeks That Changed the World: documentary (AD) **11.30** League One and Two Goals **12 midnight** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **1.00am** Championship Season Review **2.00** League Cup Football (AD) **2.30** EFL Trophy Football **3.00** Classic Play-Off Finals **5.45-6.00am** EFL Greatest Games (AD)

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444

6.00am European Tour Golf **8.00** Golf: Grant Thornton Invitational **9.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** Legends Tour Golf **11.00** How the 2014 Ryder Cup Was Won: from Gleneagles (AD) **1.00pm** Players Championship Official Film (AD) **2.00** PGA Championship Official Film (AD) **3.00** US Open Official Film (AD) **5.00** Legends Tour Golf **6.00** Golf **7.00** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **7.30** Junior Golf **8.00** Legends Tour Golf **9.00** European Tour Golf: the Alfred Dunhill Championship **10.00** Golf **11.00** Legends Tour Golf **12 midnight** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **1.00am** European Tour Golf **2.00** PGA Tour Golf **3.00** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **4.00-6.00am** European Tour

DAZN

5.45pm LIVE Women's Champions League Football Rosengard v Barcelona, a Group A match at Malmö IP (kick-off 5.45); **8.00** Lyon v Brann, a Group B match at Parc OL (kick-off 8.00).

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412 **6.00am** Snooker **8.00** Playing Fields **9.00** Alpine Skiing **11.00** Snooker **1.00pm** LIVE Snooker The Scottish Open at Meadowbank Sports Centre, Edinburgh, the afternoon session on day three. **5.00** The Judo Show **6.00** Snooker: Scottish Open **7.00** LIVE Snooker Day three of the Scottish Open at Meadowbank Sports Centre in Edinburgh, featuring third-round matches. **11.00** Snooker: Scottish Open **1.00am** Freestyle Skiing: World Cup **2.00** Snooker **4.00** Freestyle Skiing **5.00-6.00am** Biathlon: World Cup



Champions League 5.00pm TNT Sports 1 Man City's gifted keeper Ederson

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441

6.00am Greatest Games **7.00** Highlights **10.00** The Football Show **12 noon** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **1.00pm** Premier League Highlights **5.00** 100 Club **5.30** Netbusters **6.00** Premier League Stories **6.30** Match Officials Mic'd Up **7.00** Soccer Special **10.15** Class of 92: Full Time **11.15** Match Officials Mic'd Up **11.45** Netbusters **12.15am** Premier League Stories **12.45** Greatest Games (AD) **1.00** Premier League Years (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals (AD) **5.30-6.00am** 100 Club (AD)

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443

6.00am Best of World T20 (AD) **6.45** Big Bash League Highlights **7.45** LIVE Big Bash League Cricket Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers, the T20 match from Melbourne Cricket Ground. **11.45** Big Bash League Highlights **12.45pm** Best of World T20 (AD) **2.00** Big Bash League Cricket **6.00** Best of World T20 Cricket (AD) **7.00** Big Bash League Highlights **9.00** Ashes Cricket **10.00** Big Bash League Highlights **11.00** Best of World T20 Cricket (AD) **12 midnight** Big Bash League Cricket **4.00am** World T20 (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Big Bash League

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446

6.00am NFL **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** One Jets Drive **3.30** Review Show **5.00** One Jets Drive **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** Bitesize **9.00** Jaguars Weekly UK **9.30** One Jets Drive **10.15** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise **11.00** NFL Fantasy **12 midnight** Total Access **1.00am** Jaguars Weekly UK **1.30** Pro-Football Talk **3.30** NFL Highlights **4.30** One Jets Drive **5.15-6.00am** Kansas City Chiefs: the Franchise

Sky Arena

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447

6.00am Rugby League Retro **8.00** Boxing **10.00** International Netball **12.15pm** Unbeatable **12.45** British Basketball League **3.15** Super League (AD) **6.00** World Darts **9.00** Boxing **12 midnight** British Basketball League **2.30am** Unbeatable **3.00** Netball **5.15** Women's Super League (AD) **5.30-6.00am** Super League (AD)

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413

6.00am Alpine Skiing **8.00** Snooker **10.00** Showjumping **11.00** Freestyle Skiing **12 noon** Alpine Skiing **1.00pm** Cross-Country Skiing **2.00** Cycling **4.00** Formula E **5.00** Alpine Skiing **7.00** Curling **9.00** Cyclo-Cross **10.00** Alpine Skiing **12 midnight** Cycling **2.00am** Superbikes **3.30** Motor Racing **4.00-6.00am** Snooker

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430

6.00am Australian Football Highlights **6.30** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **7.00** Wrestling **9.30** NBA on Fire **10.00** Australian Football Highlights **10.30** Champions Cup Rugby Union **11.30** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket **12.30pm** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **1.00** LIVE Uefa Youth League Football Newcastle United U19 v AC Milan U19 (kick-off 1.00). **3.00** The Football's On **4.00** International T20 Cricket **5.00** LIVE Champions League Football Crvena Zvezda v Manchester City (kick-off 5.45); **7.45** Coverage of a group match from matchday six (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Champions League Football **11.30** Premier League Reload **11.45** International T20 Cricket Highlights **12.45am** Packer: the Man Who Changed Cricket (AD) **2.15** LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, day one of the first Test from Optus Stadium, Perth. **4.30-5.00** TNT Sports Reload **5.00-7.00am** LIVE Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, further coverage of day one of the first Test from Optus Stadium, Perth.

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431

6.00am International One-Day Cricket **7.00** Abu Dhabi T10 Cricket **8.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union **9.00** LIVE Badminton World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China, coverage of the group stage. **2.30pm** International T20 Cricket Highlights **3.30** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **4.00** Premier League: the Big Interview **4.30** Premier League Netbusters (AD) **5.00** Wrestling (AD) **7.00** LIVE Champions League Football A group match from matchday six (kick-off 8.00). **10.30** Fight Week **11.00** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **11.30** UFC Countdown **12.30am** Reload (AD) **1.00** Fight Week **1.30** NBA **2.00** LIVE NBA Phoenix Suns v Brooklyn Nets (tip-off 2.00). **4.30** Australian Football Highlights **5.00-6.00am** French Football (AD)

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432

6.30am Champions League Football **11.30** Stand Up Kickabout **12 noon** Champions League Football **5.00pm** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **5.30** LIVE Champions League Football Coverage of two group matches (kick-off 5.45 and 8.00). **10.00** Wrestling **12.45am** Rugby Union **1.45** Badminton (AD) **2.00-6.00am** LIVE Badminton World Tour Finals from Hangzhou. Coverage continues until 7.30am.

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434

6.00am LIVE Badminton Continued coverage of the World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China. **7.30** Hockey **12.30pm** NBA on Fire **1.00** NBA **4.00** Premier League Legends (AD) **4.30** Reload **4.45** NBA **7.45** LIVE Champions League Football A group match from matchday six (kick-off 8.00). **10.00** Premier League Stories (AD) **10.30** Australian Football **11.30** Italian Football (AD) **12 midnight** Champions League Football **4.00am** Europa League Magazine **5.00-6.00am** International T20 Cricket Highlights

TNT Sports 5

EE 450/HD 458 **7.30-10.15pm** LIVE Champions League Football The Goals Show.

Thursday

DRAMA

The Couple Next Door

9.00pm **C4** Catch up via C4 streaming

SERIES FINALE

We know how it ends. We saw as much right at the beginning of this schlocky-but-compulsive thriller: a cabin in the woods, Evie (Eleanor Tomlinson) running away, Pete (Alfred Enoch) brandishing a gun and both Danny (Sam Heughan) and Becka (Jessica De Gouw) in pursuit.

It's a highfalutin, thumping finale that tips into absurdity. Danny and his colleague Gary's foray into criminality goes nowhere, while Tomlinson has been dealt a duff hand, with Evie suddenly unbalanced and fanciful. Keeping to the claustrophobia of a cul-de-sac would have been enough. It's when the focus has shifted away from the street that things have wobbled. Besides, falling for your friend's spouse is dangerous enough. It doesn't need goons and guns added to the mix.

Never mind – before all that, a betrayed Becka invites Danny's son round for a playdate. The unexpected visitor blindsides her husband (who must be the most fertile man on the street), but how will she react when she discovers that their friend and neighbour is pregnant with his baby, too? **FRANCES TAYLOR**



DANGEROUS LIAISONS
It's breaking point for Evie, Pete, Danny and Becka

FOOD

Mary Makes It Easy

7.30pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

LAST EPISODE

Musical theatre star Michael Ball knows his way around a kitchen but wants to be more

adventurous with his cooking so the recipes in the final episode of this series, while not *MasterChef* level, are slightly more challenging.

He loves Mary Berry's simple gazpacho – "Oh, you clever sausage!" he shrieks after tasting it – and smiles his way through the making of a zesty key lime pie. "It's elegant, beautiful and sweet – it's you on a plate!" he announces.

However, the first thing Mary wants to teach him is to tidy up as he goes. He also can't resist snaffling a few titbits while he cooks. **JANE RACKHAM**

CRAFT

Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas

8.00pm **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Do you want to know how to make a Christmas pudding wreath using a kids' buoyancy aid? What about a nutcracker created from a crisp tube? The answer may well be an enthusiastic yes, particularly if you're soon to have young ones under your feet looking for something to do in the festive holidays.

Stacey Solomon is back for more seasonal crafting and has roped in her family to help out. Not only do her kids get stuck in, but also her 90-something grandmother. The whole Solomon clan must be on first-name terms with the staff at their local Hobbycraft. **FT**

SCIENCE

The Secret Genius of Modern Life

8.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

LAST EPISODE

Acrophobics, cleithrophobics and basophobics will be reassured to know that

lifts are the safest mode of transport there is. At least that's what Hannah Fry is told before bravely standing on top of a test lift in Germany and descending 246 metres. The history lesson about the early days of elevators won't reassure those with a fear of plummeting to their death, but her investigations into modern cabling, counterweights and mechanical brake systems should.

This terrific series makes physics accessible and downright cool to even the most science-averse viewer. **JR**

ALSO ON TODAY

Miriam's Dickensian Christmas

11.35pm **C4**

Miriam Margolyes (right) gets into the spirit of the festive season. First shown last year.



Inside M&S at Christmas

9.00pm **ITV1**

As the store prepares for its busiest season, Colin the Caterpillar gets a makeover, and there's turkey trouble.

Gavin & Stacey

9.00pm **BBC1**

A repeat of the 2019 festive special in which there are surprises aplenty when the Shipmans head to Barry for Christmas.

DOCUMENTARY

Fur Babies

8.00pm **C4** Catch up: C4 streaming

"The biggest job for a vet is to manage expectations," says vet Dr Bolu Eso, which is ominous as he's on his way to examine standard poodle Khaleesi, who is close to her due date but worryingly showing no signs of being pregnant.

In contrast, cavapoochon Bindi is expecting nine puppies and James Greenwood is concerned about such a small dog having such a large litter. Fortunately, Bindi's owner Karen is a retired midwife so seven puppies have been born before James arrives... but then Bindi's labour seems to stop. There are issues with the arrival of Maine Coon cat Kara's kittens, too. Spoiler alert: despite all the problems, there are happy-ever-after endings. **JR**

DOCUMENTARY

Disappeared: Mexico's Missing 43

9.00pm **BBC2** Catch up via iPlayer

"Where can we complain if every authority is covered in blood?" asks a survivor of the 2014 Iguala student disappearance. Three months after 43 young men, travelling on a bus out of Iguala, died in mysterious circumstances, the government announced they'd solved the case. The second part of this documentary shows that clearly wasn't so.

The evidence pointed to army and police involvement, corruption and a cover-up at the highest level. It's possible the bus "hijacked" by the students was carrying drugs for a cartel or it came under a retaliatory attack by another gang. Either way, the students disappeared and there are still no convictions. **JR**

ROMANTIC COMEDY

Smothered

10.00pm, 10.30pm **Sky Comedy**

Catch up via Now

The whole "let's not get involved with each other" thing isn't exactly working out for Sammy (Danielle Vitalis) or Tom (Jon Pointing). In fact (whisper it) she seems happy that things are getting more serious. "Your friends are meeting my friends. I'm killing it at work. I just saw a cute dog that looks like a pig," she tells him on the phone. "This might be the best day of my life."

In another taut and charming double bill, an impromptu house party causes arguments, Tom tries (a bit too successfully) to make friends at the school gate and Sammy discovers being a stepmum to Tom's daughter Ellie isn't as easy as she thought. **FT**

LIVE SPORT



Football: Europa League Brighton v Marseille

7.45pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports**

At 21, Ivorian winger Simon Adingra (above) is one of Britain's brightest young stars.

Cricket: International T20 South Africa v India

2.30pm **Sky Sports Main Event/Cricket**

The third in a three-match series, from the Wanderers in Johannesburg.

Snooker: Scottish Open

1pm, 7pm **Eurosport 1**

From Edinburgh, where the third round concludes, and the fourth round begins.

FILM OF THE DAY



Some Like It Hot ★★★★★

U 8.00pm **BBC4**

Lovelorn singer Sugar Kane (Marilyn Monroe) has sworn off male saxophonists, so it's a good thing her travelling swing band is all female. But why do new players Josephine and Daphne look so much like Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon? (1959)

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BOXED IN
Can Dynamo set himself free – in more ways than one?



ENTERTAINMENT

Dynamo Is Dead

9.00pm **Sky Max** Catch up via Now

The great street-magic maestro is back. In a live, two-hour special, Dynamo performs tricks for starry friends from Coldplay to Cara Delevingne. But the illusions are only part of it, because Dynamo has always aspired to be more than a showman.

We know that he is given to psychological reflection and self-help patter – perhaps thanks to the hard path he has travelled, with life-changing health problems. Sky's press notes suggest they

aren't broadcasting mere entertainment but rather "a transformative and soul-searching journey to explore the depths of mental health and wellbeing". Paul Daniels never did that.

The title and trailer hint that the magician born Steven Frayne might be planning to shed his stage name – we'll see. But we do know the show will climax with a typically bold stunt: Dynamo digging his own grave and being buried alive – live. **DAVID BUTCHER**

THURSDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show presented by Gethin Jones and Kym Marsh. (S) (HD)
10.00 For Love or Money Scammers who sought financial support from those they met online. (R) (S) (HD)
10.45 Frontline Fightback A couple's new glamping business is threatened by online hackers. (R) (S) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in south Wales, Merseyside and Birmingham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Christina Trevanion presents the show from Oswestry, Shropshire. (R) (S) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Doctors Rob's Christmas night out takes a turn, while Jimmi's dinner doesn't go as planned. (S) (AD) (HD)
2.15 The Bidding Room Dealers compete over a pair of pedal cars and a curious artist-built chair. (R) (S) (HD)
3.00 Escape to the Country Sonali Shah helps a couple search for a property in Hampshire. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.45 Antiques Road Trip Catherine Southon and Phil Serrell travel through Buckinghamshire and Hertfordshire. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am BBC2 (S) (HD)
4.30-5.15 Make It at Market A textile artist from Hampshire and a stone carver from Oxfordshire seek help from Dom China. Rptd tomorrow 7.15am BBC2 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Wed 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.15 Make It at Market Shown Wed 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00-9.00 Sign Zone 8.00 Mary Makes It Easy 3/6 Mary teaches Anton Du Beke how to create assorted dishes, including hot smoked salmon and caper linguine. (R) (S) (AD)
8.30 Between the Covers 3/6 Series 7. With guests Sandi Toksvig, Alex Jones, Adam Kay and Omari Douglas. (R) (S) (HD)
9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)
10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics Live News from Westminster. (S) (HD)
1.00 Catchpoint Weather presenters Clare Nasir and Owain Wyn Evans take on former England rugby union player Ugo Monye and actress Nina Wadia. (R) (S) (HD)
1.30 The Boss Quiz hosted by Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Festive treats including warm stilton and walnut muffins. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 Wild Brazil After the floods of the wet season, a fierce drought soon leads to huge fires. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
4.00-5.00 The Real Marigold Hotel The group travels to the foothills of the Himalayas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Fashion, food and chat. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Celebrity interviews, cookery and lifestyle advice. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Heated debates. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers are back in Walsall, where James Layte makes a big offer for a miner's lamp. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from Nottingham, Norfolk and Worcestershire take part in the battle of words. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.15am Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (R) (S) (HD)
6.55 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
8.10 The King of Queens Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Triple bill of the US comedy. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Château DIY at Christmas Rebecca goes all out for Christmas. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05pm News** (S) (HD)
12.10 Amazing Spaces Winter Wonderland George Clarke and Will Hardie explore small-space wonders in the Swiss, French and Italian Alps. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.10 Jamie's Easy Christmas No-fuss recipes perfect for festive gatherings, including crispy duck with noodles and vegetarian filo pie. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown Marcus Brigstocke guests. (S) (HD)
3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun A couple search for a holiday home in Spain's Almería Province.
4.00 Searching for properties in the white-washed mountain villages of Axarquía in Spain. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas
8.00pm Wreath encounter: Stacey gets creative for the festive season



5.15pm Pointless
 Quiz presented by Alexander Armstrong. (R) (S) (HD)
6.00 BBC News Weather (S) (HD)
6.30 Regional news magazines (S) (HD)
7.00 The One Show
 Alex Jones and Roman Kemp host. (S) (HD)
7.30 EastEnders
 When she receives a Christmas card from Theo, Stacey worries he's behind Eve's disappearance.

Theo Hawthorne	William Ellis	Bert Moon	Elliot Briffett
Stacey Slater	Lacey Turner	Lexi Pearce	Isabella Brown
Eve Unwin	Heather Peace	Raymond Dawkins	
Kat Mitchell	Jessie Wallace	Michael Jose Pomares Calixte	
Kim Fox	Tameka Empson	Davinder "Nugget" Gulati	
Ravi Gulati	Aaron Thiara	Juhaim Rasul Choudhury	
Alfie Moon	Shane Richie	Ellie Dadd	
George Knight	Colin Salmon	Frankie Day	
Suki Kaur Panesar	Balvinder Sopal	Harry Farr	
Karen Taylor	Lorraine Stanley	Kara-Leah Fernandes	
Kathy Beale	Gillian Taylforth	Grace	
Elaine Peacock	Harriet Thorpe	Arayah Harris-Buckle	
Patrick Trueman	Rudolph Walker	Sonny Kendall	
Ian Beale	Adam Woodyatt	Jaden Ladega	
Jean Slater	Gillian Wright	Isaac Lemonius	
Yolande Trueman	Angela Wynter	Mahalia Malcolm	
Arthur Fowler	Rocco Brenner	Freddie Phillips	
Ernie Moon	Cody Briffett	Lillia Turner	
Priya Nandra-Hart	Sophie Khan Levy	Elizabeth Green	

Writer Jessica Barnes. This week's episodes directed by Miguel Guerreiro
 More cast Tuesday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Stacey Solomon's Crafty Christmas
 Stacey is joined by friends and family to create festive home-made gifts and decorations that she hopes will bring joy and wonder – without blowing the budget. With help from her children, sister, the local WI, her 95-year-old grandmother and *Sort Your Life Out*'s professional organiser Dilly Carter, Stacey tries to pull off an ambitious Christmas craft party with nutcracker figures made from household items, personalised presents, lanterns and foraged decorations. **See p92.**
 Director Ryan Daly; Series producer Michelle Aherne (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gavin & Stacey

In the Christmas special from 2019, Dawn makes a shocking discovery about Pete. A box set is on iPlayer.

Gavin	Matthew Horne	Pete	Adrian Scarborough
Stacey	Joanna Page	Sonia	Laura Aikman
Smithy	James Corden	Emlyn	Youssef Kerkour
Nessa	Ruth Jones	Darren	Kyle Lima
Bryn	Rob Brydon	Jason	Robert Wilfort
Gwen	Melanie Walters	Neil the Baby	Oscar Hartland
Pam	Alison Steadman	Harri	Gabriel Mittell
Mick	Larry Lamb	Megan	Maddison Belle Platt
Dawn	Julia Davis	Caifin	Martha Tregonning

Writers Ruth Jones and James Corden; Director Christine Gernon
 Producer Sarah Fraser (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.40 Question Time
 Fiona Bruce presents the political debate, this week from Kelso. Also available live at 8pm on iPlayer.
 Executive producer Nicolai Gentchev; Editor Daniel Maxwell (S) (HD)
 Have Your Say: tweet with #bbcqt

11.40 Newscast

A weekly political round-up from Westminster.
 Senior editors Jonathan Aspinwall and Sam Bonham
 The podcast is available via BBC Sounds (S) (HD)
12.15am The Christmas Break ★★ Comedy drama starring Justin Long and India Mullen. Chicago-based couple Jack and Caroline travel to rural Ireland for a festive holiday at Caroline's family home. Available on iPlayer.
 Director Prarthana Mohan (2023) (S) (W) (HD)
1.55 Survivor 14/16. With just six people left, the end is in sight for the remaining castaways. Shown Sun 8pm (S) (AD) (HD)
2.55 The Weakest Link Featuring Ellie Taylor, Rhys James, Lesley Garrett and Kimberly Wyatt. Shown Sat 5.45pm (S) (HD)
3.40 Weather for the Week Ahead (S) (HD)
3.45-6.00am BBC News (S) (HD)

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BBC2

The Secret Genius of Modern Life
8.00pm Hannah Fry sees how medieval siege technology is still relevant today



5.00pm Flog It!
 From Ashridge House in Hertfordshire. (R) (S) (HD)
6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games
 Clare Balding, Ivo Graham, Ugo Monye and Su Pollard test their general knowledge skills.
 Director John Smith; Executive producer Tamara Gilder (R) (S) (HD)
6.30 Strictly It Takes Two
 Janette Manrara chats to another couple ahead of the final and Vicky Gill reveals some costumes. (S) (HD)
7.00 Villages by the Sea
10/10 Series 4. Johnshaven. Archaeologist Ben Robinson travels to Johnshaven in Aberdeenshire, which was once an important fishing village, where he discovers the ruins of an old cloth mill.
 Executive producers Pam Cavanagh and Dymna Jackson (S) (HD)

1 BBC RED BUTTON 7.15-10.15 Equestrian Coverage of the London International Horse Show at the ExCel
7.30 Mary Makes It Easy
RT 6/6. Mary Berry joins West End star and keen cook Michael Ball, who wants some fresh ideas that will expand his repertoire in the kitchen. Mary's recipes include gazpacho, hoisin chicken, a beef and aubergine filo pie and a key lime pie. **See p92.**
 Directors Sarah Myland and David Crerar
 Executive producers Karen Ross and Kelly Sparks (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 The Secret Genius of Modern Life
RT 6/6 Series 2. Lift. They carry the equivalent of the planet's population every three days, but how do lifts prevent us from plummeting to the ground? Professor Hannah Fry ventures into a 246m-high elevator shaft to test everything from the brakes to her own fear of heights. She also looks at how 19th-century coalmines helped to make lifts safer and discovers how a PR stunt in the 1850s changed the modern skyline. **See page 92.**
 Series producer Eileen Inkson; Exec producer Paul Overton (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Disappeared: Mexico's Missing 43
RT 2/2. As the parents of the abductees continued to search for their sons, renewed hope emerged in 2018 with the appointment of special prosecutor Omar Gómez Trejo, who spearheaded a fresh probe into the disappearances. *This World* gains exclusive access to Trejo as well as Tomás Zerón De Lucio, the fugitive former police chief accused of playing a role in an alleged cover-up, and reveals evidence of a much wider network of cartel-linked corruption. But there are still no convictions for the crimes committed against the 43 men in September 2014. **See p93.**
 Executive producer Sarah Waldron (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Mock the Week
 With Maisie Adam, Angela Barnes, Jen Brister, Rhys James and Ahir Shah. From November 2021.
 Producer Ewan Phillips (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

11.10 Weather (S) (HD)
11.15 Louis Theroux Interviews...
6/6 Series 2. Ashley Walters. Louis Theroux spends time with the actor and director. **See choice, p72.**
 Shown Tuesday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12 midnight Julius Caesar: the Making of a Dictator 3/3
 Caesar takes control of Rome and awards himself greater powers. **See choice, page 62.** Shown Monday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)
1.00-4.05am Sign Zone 1.00am Secrets of the Aquarium 3/6. A rescue mission in the Maldives. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.00 Strictly Come Dancing Ep 12. The dancers reach the semi-final. **See choice, p42.** Shown Sat 7.35pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
3.25 Strictly Come Dancing: the Results The finalists are revealed. Shown Sunday 7.20pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

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ITV1

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Inside M&S

at Christmas
9.00pm How the high street giant is preparing for the festive rush

**4.00pm Deal or No Deal**

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where players can win anything from 1p to £100,000. Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

David, Lynn, Sunny and Nathalie take on one of the mighty Chasers. Bradley Walsh hosts. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)**6.30 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)**7.30 Emmerdale**

Amy shames Mack for isolating Chloe. Mandy questions her ability to cope. Belle is intrigued as Tom announces that he has a secret plan.

Amy Wyatt	Natalie Ann Jamieson	Nate Robinson	Jurell Carter
Mandy Dingle	Lisa Riley	Nicky Miligan	Lewis Cope
Belle Dingle	Eden Taylor-Draper	Nicola King	Nicola Wheeler
Tom King	James Chase	Noah Dingle	Jack Downham
Gail Loman	Rachael Gill-Davies	Paddy Dingle	Dominic Brunt
Jacob Gallagher	Joe Warren Plant	Rhona Goskirk	Zoe Henry
Jai Sharma	Christopher Bisson	Rodney Blackstock	Patrick Mower
Jimmy King	Nick Miles	Ryan Stocks	James Moore
Kerry Wyatt	Laura Norton	Sarah Sugden	Katie Hill
Kim Tate	Claire King	Suni Sharma	Brahmdeo Shannon
Laurel Thomas	Charlotte Bellamy	Suzi Merton	Martelle Edinborough
Leyla Cavanagh	Roxy Shahidi	Tracy Metcalfe	Amy Walsh
Liam Cavanagh	Jonny McPherson	Vanessa Woodfield	Michelle Hardwick
Lydia Dingle	Karen Blick	Victoria Sugden	Isabel Hodgins
Manpreet Sharma	Rebecca Sarker	Vinny Dingle	Bradley Johnson
Marlon Dingle	Mark Charnock	Wendy Posner	Susan Cookson
Mary Goskirk	Louise Jameson	Will Taylor	Dean Andrews
Moir Dingle	Natalie J Robb	Zak Dingle	Steve Halliwell

Writer Sarah Bagshaw. This week's episodes produced by Kate Brooks and Laura Shaw, directed by Vicky Thomas. More cast Tuesday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Post and Parcels: Getting Christmas Delivered? Tonight

In 2022, people in the UK spent £20 billion on Christmas presents, and we did a third of our shopping online. As the nation's postal system faces up to another demanding festive season, *Tonight* heads behind the scenes to meet the people who will be delivering our Christmas. Producer Lisa Robson (S) (HD)

NOTE: as *Tonight* reacts to the news its subject matter may change

9.00 Inside M&S at Christmas

An exclusive glimpse behind the scenes at the high street giant as it prepares for its busiest and most profitable time of the year. While the retailer prepares to launch a raft of new festive products, including a premium panettone and a seasonal makeover for Colin the Caterpillar, its new slow-cooked turkey range is in danger thanks to supply issues. And it's a race against time to open a new £15 million store in Essex ahead of the peak shopping season. Can store manager Dior and her team launch on time? Executive producers Naomi Templeton, Melanie Leach and Andrew Mackenzie (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather, Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

1/2. Coleen Nolan and Ashley Banjo return to lead a new line-up of celebrities ready to bare all in an all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza to raise awareness of cancer. **See choice, p63.** Shown Monday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal The dealers look for treasure in Walsall. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

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Channel 4

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7 in Wales

Fur Babies

8.00pm Puppy love: a furry bundle of tiny cavapoochon pups in Wales

**5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas**

Three bakers compete in Kirstie Allsopp's best gingerbread house competition. With their pieces already baked, today is all about construction and decoration. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

Darren and Jamie look to lay on a magical experience for the B&Bers at their wizard-themed Hotel of Wizardry in Great Yarmouth. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Flanders' Ladder. After being struck by lightning, Bart receives visits from ghosts who want closure only he can provide, and Maude Flanders returns to seek revenge. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News (S) (HD)**8.00 Fur Babies**

RT 2/4. Welsh retirees Karen and Paul's cavapoochon Bindi is expecting nine puppies, but Dr James Greenwood is worried about such a large litter and visits Bindi pre-birth. Poodle Khaleesi is in an advanced stage of pregnancy but still has barely a bump. An early scan suggested five puppies, but vet Bolu Eso discovers something more alarming. The whole series is available to stream. **See page 93.** Series producer Joy Ash; Executive producers Mandy Thomson and Samantha Anstiss (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 The Couple Next Door

RT 6/6. The drama concludes with a tense showdown on the Yorkshire Dales. As secrets come to light, more than one relationship comes under strain. **See page 92.** Writer David Allison; Producer Jen Burnet; Director Dries Vos For cast see Wednesday (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Gogglebox Festival Special

The armchair critics review Christmas TV from 2021, including *Michael McIntyre's Christmas Wheel*, *First Dates at Christmas*, *Strictly the Real Full Monty*, *Jamie: Together at Christmas*, *World's Strongest Man*, *I Can See Your Voice*, *The Repair Shop at Christmas* and *Nigella's Cook, Eat, Repeat*, plus films over the festive period including *Love Actually* and *No Time to Die*. Executive producers Mike Cotton, Victoria Ray and Leon Campbell (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

11.35 Miriam's Dickensian Christmas

A self-confessed Scrooge, Miriam Margolyes views Christmas as a holiday that has become over-commercialised. Can her love of Charles Dickens's classic tale *A Christmas Carol* help rekindle her enjoyment of the festive season? Director Robert McCourt; Executive producers Will Smith and Claudine Parrish (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell and Back

Gordon and his team pitch up at a family-owned Irish pub and restaurant in California. (R) (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

1.20 The Simpsons Can Homer resist temptation while on a business trip with an attractive colleague? (S) (AD)

1.45 Playground **★★★★★** Drama starring Maya Vanderbeque and Günter Duret. Seven-year-old Nora starts her first day of school, where she sees that her older brother Abel is being bullied. Abel forbids his sister from telling any adults, but the situation soon begins to escalate for both siblings. Available to stream for 60 days. French +subtitles. Director Laura Wandel (2021, 15) (HD)

3.00 24 Hours in A&E Medics at St George's treat patients who have all suffered falls. (R) (S) (HD)

3.55 Kirstie's Handmade Christmas Kirstie Allsopp learns to make a beautiful neon star. (R) (S) (HD)

4.05-6.15am Come Dine with Me A week of dinner parties in and around the West Midlands. (R) (S) (HD)

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BBC4

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24 in Scotland

Some Like It

Hot 8.00pm
 Nobody's perfect: Marilyn Monroe and Tony Curtis

**7.00pm The Joy of (Train) Sets: the Model Railway Story**

A *Timeshift* documentary exploring the popularity of train replicas and how what started out as an adult obsession with building fully engineered model railways turned into the favoured toy of 1950s and 60s childhood. Narrated by Stephen Mangan. Director/Producer Andy Hall Repeated 12.55am (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Some Like It Hot **★★★★★**

RT Classic comedy. Chicago, 1929, the era of Prohibition and tough racketeers. When two underemployed musicians witness the St Valentine's Day Massacre, they nearly become victims themselves. Their only escape is a jazz band heading for Florida, but there's a problem – it's an all-girl orchestra. Available on iPlayer for 25 days. **Film of the Day: page 99.** Sugar Kane Kowalczyk

Joe/Josephine	Marilyn Monroe
Jerry/Daphne	Tony Curtis
"Spats" Columbo	Jack Lemmon
Mulligan	George Raft
Osgood E Fielding III	Pat O'Brien
Little Bonaparte	Joe E Brown
Sweet Sue	Nehemiah Persoff
Director Billy Wilder (1959, U) (BW) (S) (W) (HD)	Joan Shawlee

9.55 Billy, How Did You Do It?: Arena

3/3. Oscar-winning director and screenwriter Billy Wilder remembers working with Marilyn Monroe on *Some Like It Hot*, in the last of three conversations with German film-maker Volker Schlöndorff. From 1992. Director Volker Schlöndorff Series editor Nigel Finch (R) (S) (HD)

11.00 Pride & Prejudice **★★★★★**

RT Period romantic drama based on Jane Austen's novel. England in the late 18th century: with five daughters and no fortune, class-obsessed Mrs Bennet is determined to marry off her brood and goes into a match-making frenzy with the prospect of wealthy bachelor Mr Bingley in residence nearby. But one of her girls, the spirited, intelligent Elizabeth, seems more interested in verbal sparring than romance, particularly when she meets Bingley's arrogant friend Mr Darcy... Available on iPlayer for 26 days. **Review p59.** Elizabeth Bennet

Mr Darcy	Keira Knightley
Mrs Bennet	Matthew Macfadyen
Lady Catherine de Bourgh	Brenda Blethyn
Mr Bennet	Judi Dench
Mr Collins	Donald Sutherland
Jane Bennet	Tom Hollander
Lydia Bennet	Rosamund Pike
Director Joe Wright (2005, U) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)	Jena Malone

Shown Sunday 6pm BBC2

12.55am The Joy of (Train) Sets: the Model Railway Story

Shown 7pm (S) (HD)

1.55 The Wildest Weather in the Universe:

Horizon Research into weather on other planets. Shown yesterday 9pm (S) (HD)

2.55-4.00am Timewatch Documentary drama exploring Napoleon's career and exile to St Helena. Shown Tuesday 9.55pm (S) (HD)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 **F'sat** 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

BBC1 SCOTLAND

11.15am Bargain Hunt
12 noon-1.00pm First Minister's Questions
7.00-7.30 River City: Mikey makes a shocking accusation

BBC SCOTLAND

7.00pm Christmas Stories **7.30** Scotland's Christmas Home of the Year **8.30** Landward **9.00** The Nine **10.00** Scot Squad **10.30** Raiders of the Lost Archive **11.00-12 midnight** The Big Scottish Christmas Book Club

STV

8.30-9.00pm Scotland Tonight: 2023 in Review **10.45** Post and Parcels: Getting Christmas Delivered? Tonight **11.10** The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls **12.25-3.00am** Night Vision **3.50-5.05** Night Vision

ITV1 BORDER SCOTLAND

10.45pm Representing Border **11.15** Border Life **11.40-12.05am** The Way We Were

BBC2 WALES

11.15pm It's My Shout: Short Films from Wales **11.45-12 midnight** Coast: sea cliffs

ITV1 WALES

8.30-9.00pm Wales This Week: investigating dementia **10.45** Post and Parcels: Getting Christmas Delivered? Tonight **11.15** Coast and Country **11.40-12.05am** Face to Face

BBC1 NORTHERN IRELAND

10.40pm The View: **11.25** Question Time: from the Scottish Borders town of Kello **12.25am** Newscast **12.55** The Weakest Link **1.45-1.55** Barra on the Foyle

BBC2 NORTHERN IRELAND

11.15pm The Crime I Can't Forget: officers look back on the kidnapping of Don Tidey **12.05am** Louis Theroux Interviews...: Louis Theroux spends time with Ashley Walters **12.50-1.00** Weather Watchers with Barra Best: in Armagh

UTV

8.30-9.00pm Homemade Heroes: a profile of Hannah Shields **10.45** Post and Parcels: Getting Christmas Delivered? Tonight **11.15-12.05am** Eamonn Mallie: Face to Face With: Gareth McAuley talks about his journey to the Premier League

Channel 5 listings are overleaf

THURSDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Doomsday Volcano: the Next Pompeii
10.00pm The Grand Prismatic Spring

5.35am Milkshake! See page 98

9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD)

12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 A Christmas to Treasure ★★

P Romantic comedy. A letter from beyond the grave reunites six old friends for a nostalgic treasure hunt. Director Jake Helgren (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Christmas Time Capsule ★★

P Romance. Tiffany's friend James is planning to propose to his girlfriend, but long-buried feelings may rekindle on a road trip to collect his grandmother's ring. Directors Marco Deufemia and Paula Tiberius (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Dogs Behaving (Very) Badly

3/10 Series 2. Dog trainer Graeme Hall endeavours to rein in the behaviour of bones, a 12-stone Great Dane. (R) (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Air Fryers: Christmas Made Easy

By testing out air-fried versions of festive favourites, this programme reveals how to time various food items to perfection. Shown Sunday 8pm (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 Winter on the Farm

4/4 Series 3. Cameras follow Cannon Hall Farm's prize-winning shire horse Hercules, while Jules Hudson has a photography lesson in the Lake District. (S) (HD)

Followed by **5 News Update** (S) (HD)

9.00 The King's Guard: Serving the Crown

Ep 5. A glimpse behind the scenes with the elite regiments of the British Army's Household Division during one of the busiest years in its 350-year history. (S) (HD)

10.00 Doomsday Volcano: the Next Pompeii

A look at the history and science behind a supervolcano hidden seven miles below Yellowstone National Park, which has the potential to become the biggest natural disaster in modern history. Exec producers Llinos Griffin-Williams, Paul Islwyn Thomas and Lindsey Foster Blumberg (R) (S) (HD)

11.35 The Dead Pool ★★

P Crime thriller. San Francisco cop "Dirty" Harry Callahan investigates a gambling game known as the "dead pool" that involves predicting local celebrities' deaths. **Review page 99.**

Inspector Harry Callahan
Samantha Walker
Al Quan
Peter Swan
Harlan Rook
Captain Donnelly
Director Budny Van Horn (1988, 18) (S) (W) (HD)

Clint Eastwood
Patricia Clarkson
Evan C Kim
Liam Neeson
David Hunt
Michael Currie

1.15am Casino (S) (HD) **3.15** Friends (R) (S) (HD) **4.05** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders (R) (S) (HD) **4.50** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL) **5.20** Wildlife SOS (R) (S) (SL)

5.45-5.50am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

CS Freeview 5/HD 105 Freesat 105 Sky 105 Virgin 105
+1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 305

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



Die Hard 2 9.00pm John McClane (Bruce Willis) battles more terrorists

7.00pm Christmas in Toyland ★★

P Romantic comedy starring Vanessa Lengies and Jesse Hutch. A retail analyst attempts to save hundreds of jobs before Christmas. On iPlayer for 17 days. Director Bill Corcoran (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

8.30 Gavin & Stacey

6/6 Series 1. The day of the wedding arrives and Bryn is still behaving oddly around Stacey's brother. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Die Hard 2 ★★ ★★

P Action thriller sequel starring Bruce Willis. Detective John McClane becomes involved in a deadly mission to outwit a bunch of ruthless terrorists who have taken over a busy airport. Available on iPlayer for 29 days. **Review page 89.** Director Renny Harlin (1990, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD) Shown Wednesday BBC1

10.55 Bad Education: a Christmas Carol

As he prepares to leave Abbey Grove, Stephen is visited by the ghost of Alfie Wickers who tries to convince him to reconsider. **See choice, page 83.** Shown Wednesday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

11.25 Fleabag

3/6 Series 2. Fleabag helps out with an event at Claire's workplace. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.50 4/6. Fleabag turns to the Priest for solace. A box set is on iPlayer. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am Starstruck (S) (AD) (HD) **1.05** Lazy Susan: sketch show (S) (HD) **1.20** Fleabag

(S) (AD) (HD) **2.15** Starstruck (S) (AD) (HD)

3.00-4.00am Gavin & Stacey (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) **F'sat** 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) **Virgin** 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

12 noon Dinner Date (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes (S) (HD) **2.00** Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **4.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** Dinner Date (S) (HD)

6.00pm Celebrity Catchphrase Stephen Mulhern hosts a seasonal edition of the game show, as Shirley Ballas, Ott Mabus and Jonathan Ross "say what they see". (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Family Fortunes The Dayalans from Oxfordshire go up against the Bibbys from St Helens for a shot at the jackpot. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 8. Tammy stays with the Belchers at spring break. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Linda and Gene turn the restaurant into a piano bar. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Gordon, Gino and Fred: Christmas Road Trip: Three Unwise Men Gordon Ramsay, Gino D'Acampo and Fred Sirieix head to Morocco. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Family Guy Series 9. Stewie decides to take revenge on Father Christmas.

10.30 At the North Pole, Brian and Stewie encounter an exhausted Father Christmas.

11.00 Series 18. An old face from the past comes back into Brian's life. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 American Dad! Series 7. Fr Donovan organises a Christmas play. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.30 Series 14. Hayley takes Steve on a road trip so he can learn to drive. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.30am The Stand Up Sketch Show (S) (HD)

1.30 Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **2.00** Unwind (S) (HD) **3.00** Home Shopping

5.00 Unwind (S) (HD) **5.15-6.00am** Totally Bonkers Guinness World Records (S) (HD)

ITV2 Freeview 6 Freesat 113 Sky 118 Virgin 115

+1 Freeview 29 Freesat 114 Sky 218 Virgin 315

ITV3

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Downton Abbey 5.40pm Carson is finding it tough maintaining standards

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the

Twain: double bill. Simon feels like life is passing him by; **8.40** Simon is suspected of having an affair (S) **9.15** Wild at Heart: **9/11**

Series 7. Having lost their funding the family are struggling to survive. Repeated 12.10am;

10.20 10/11. Du Plessis makes an alarming discovery about Ed and Fiona. Repeated 1.15am

(S) (AD) (HD) **11.20** Maigret: **2/6** Series 2

Maigret and the Hotel Majestic. An American industrialist's wife is found dead (S) (AD)

12.35pm Heartbeat: **9/15.** Maggie is the victim of a spate of burglaries (S) (AD) **1.40**

Classic Emmerdale: double bill. Steph continues to force Alan to take his pills, then Turner lashes out in desperation (S) **2.40**

Classic Coronation Street: double bill. Eric Gartside lands a date with Shelley, then Fiz is shocked to discover Kirk is a thief (S) (AD)

3.45 Midsomer Murders: Series 9. **Down Among the Dead Men.** The death of a blackmailer is investigated (S) (AD)

5.40pm Downton Abbey

2/9 Series 2. Mary hears that Matthew is returning. Continues Fri 5.40pm. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 Heartbeat

10/15 Series 5. Nick has to go under cover following the unlikely event of a gangster setting up shop in rural Aidsensfield. (S) (AD)

8.00 Vera

2/4 Series 1. Telling Tales. DCI Vera Stanhope sets out to resolve a teenage girl's murder retrospectively. As secrets and lies are exposed, she tries to lay ghosts from the past to rest. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 Grantchester

1/6 Series 7. It's 1959 and wedding season is in full swing. But the dead body of Lord Edmund Fitzgerald is found in the grounds of Fitzgerald Estate. Does a story of lost love hold the clue to the killer? (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 2/6. Lester Carmichael, one half of the married couple behind the Carmichaels cleaning brand, is found dead. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.10am Wild at Heart. Shown 9.15/10.20am (S) (AD) (HD) **2.20-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

ITV3 Freeview 10 Freesat 115 Sky 119 Virgin 117

+1 F'view 59 (9pm-4am) **F'sat** 116 Sky 219 Virgin 317

ITV4

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6.00am The Protectors (S) (SL) (HD) **6.30** The Sweeney (S) **7.35** The Champions (S)

8.40 Robin of Sherwood (S) **9.55** Magnum, PI (S) (HD) **10.55** BattleBots (S) (HD)

12 noon The Champions (S) **1.05pm** Robin of Sherwood (S) **2.10** Magnum, PI (S) (HD)

3.10 The Sweeney (S) **4.15** Minder (S) (AD) **5.30** EFL Highlights: football action (S) (HD)

6.30pm River Monsters Jeremy Wade travels to Brazil to find out if piranhas deserve their fearsome reputation. (S) (HD)

7.00 The Best of Saint and Greavsie Featuring early interviews with Paul Gascoigne, Eric Cantona and Ian Wright. (S) (HD)

8.00 Junk and Disorderly Making a tidy profit on automobile memorabilia. (S) (HD)

9.00 FILM Passenger 57 ★★ ★★ Action adventure starring Wesley Snipes. A terrorist is flying to stand trial in Los Angeles when his accomplices kill his guards and hijack the plane. **Review page 69.** (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

10.50 FILM Assault on Precinct 13 ★★ ★★ Action thriller, starring Ethan Hawke. A precinct comes under attack from well-armed and relentless assailants. (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.00-3.00am Robin of Sherwood (S)

ITV4 Freeview 26 Freesat 117 Sky 120 Virgin 118

+1 Freesat 118 Sky 210 Virgin 318

Drama

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The 39 Steps 8.00pm Richard Hannay's life is turned upside down

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small. Rptd 4.15pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill. Mac helps a woman bond with her baby, then Marc deals with sad news **9.20** Classic Holby City: Serena and Zosia turn to Guy when a patient with an abscess refuses to be operated on by a female Rptd 2.35am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Matt is attacked **11.50** The Bill: Kerry exacts revenge

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill. Ian takes a chance on finding romance, then Den is confident about his plan **2.05** Pie in the Sky: **6/8** Series 5. A teenage apprentice starts work at the restaurant **3.05** Bergerac: **3/11** Series 8. An archaeological dig comes under scrutiny **4.15** All Creatures Great and Small: **6/12** Series 6. *Where Sheep May Safely Graze* A cat suffers a mystery illness. Shown 7.10am

5.25 The Upper Hand: **7/14** Series 6. The newlyweds settle in with Charlie and Caroline

6.00pm Last of the Summer Wine

Series 14. **Stop That Castle!** The trio are put in charge of the annual gala parade.

6.40 Series 24. The Miraculous Curing of Old Goff Helliwell. News of an imminent death rocks the friends.

7.20 The Frenchies Are Coming. Barry tires of golf and looks for a new hobby. (S)

8.00 The 39 Steps

Rupert Penry-Jones stars in this 2008 dramatisation of John Buchan's novel, set just before the First World War. Richard Hannay's life changes for ever when a British spy barges into his flat with information about a German spy ring. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.55 New Tricks

6/8 Series 3. Bank Robbery. An informant resurfaces after 17 years with details about an armed robbery, and an old rival of Gerry's is brought in to work on the case. (S) (AD)

11.10 Silent Witness

Ep 4 Series 24. Brother's Keeper. A tricky murder case leads Jack and Nikki into the world of underground boxing. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.30am The Paradise: **4/8** Series 1. Denise and Clara compete to become head of ladieswear when Miss Audrey is confined to bed (HD) **2.35-4.00am** Classic Holby City. Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

+1 Freeview 60 Sky 243 Virgin 316

ITVBe

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7.00am Buying and Selling (S) (HD) **8.00** Making It Home with Kortney & Dave (S) (HD)

9.00 LittleBe: children's programmes (HD)

12 noon Sugar Showdown (S) (HD) **12.25pm** The Real Housewives of Beverly Hills (S) (HD)

1.20 The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD) **2.05** The Big Bake (S) (HD) **3.05** Million Dollar Listing: NYC (S) (HD) **4.05** New. The Real Housewives of Dubai: double bill (S) (HD)

6.00pm FILM Secret Santa **Admirer** ★★ Romance starring Aubrey Reynolds. Lila is dismayed to run into old schoolmate Glenn, who used to tease her. But then Lila begins to receive anonymous gifts... (S) (W) (HD)

8.00 Dinner Date Jordan from London chooses three blind dates from five potential partners, based on menus. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Botched A pop star impersonator needs his nose fixed. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 New. Love Island: Australia Sophie Monk presents the hit reality show. (S) (HD)

11.10 The Cabins A disagreement over an avocado threatens to derail a fledgling romance before the 24 hours is up. (S) (HD)

12.05am The Only Way Is Essex (S) (HD)

12.50-1.00am Unwind (S) (HD)

ITVBe Freeview 28 Freesat 119 Sky 131 (132 Scotland) Virgin 119 **+1** Virgin 319

ALL PROGRAMMES ON THE ABOVE CHANNELS ARE REPEATS UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED



More4

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**Anne Frank: Her Secret Diary**

9.00pm The celebrated Jewish diarist

8.55am Food Unwrapped **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now?: in Portugal **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flog It: double bill

1.10pm Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD)

6.55pm **Escape to the Château** The Strawbridges throw a surprise birthday celebration, with Dick's purpose-built popcorn-maker providing the snacks. (AD)

7.55 **Grand Designs** Kevin McCloud meets Greg and Georgie, who are taking on the ambitious task of converting a cavernous, dilapidated barn in Sevenoaks, Kent. (AD)

9.00 **Anne Frank: Her Secret Diary** Documentary marking 80 years since Anne Frank was given what became one of the most famous diaries in history. With contributions from her stepson Eva Schloss. (AD)

10.00 **The Dambusters' Great Escape** This *Secret History* documentary tells the story of the RAF's successful mission to sink the German battleship *Tirpitz* in November 1944. Features eyewitness accounts from surviving crew, fighter pilots and sailors. (AD) **11.05** **24 Hours in A&E** David, 74, arrives by air ambulance with suspected internal bleeding after falling from a first-storey window. He is rushed to CT to assess the damage. (AD)

12.05am Emergency Helicopter Medics (AD) **1.05** 999: on the Front Line **2.15** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.20-3.50am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Mon/Tue (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD)

12 noon The Big Bang Theory (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs: double bill (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD)

6.00pm **The Big Bang Theory 1/24 Series 7** Sheldon and Penny both miss Leonard. (AD) **6.30** **2/24**. Leonard and Sheldon go through an adjustment period. (AD)

7.00 **Hollyoaks** Carter wakes up confused. **7.30** **Young Sheldon 10/22 Series 5**. Meemaw gains an unwanted business partner. (AD)

8.00 **Modern Family 18/24 Series 1**. Gloria and Cameron spend quality time together. **8.30** **19/24**. Claire struggles to get hold of the year's must-have gadget for Phil's birthday.

9.00 **Gogglebox** The Goggleboxers watch *Strictly Come Dancing* and *Boiling Point*. (AD)

10.00 **Naked Attraction** Two students in their early 20s try to find partners. (AD)

11.05 **First Dates** A burlesque performer hopes to find love with a *Star Trek* fan. (AD)

12.15am **Gogglebox (SL)** (AD) **1.25** **Rick and Morty** (AD) **1.55** **New**. My Adventures with Superman **2.20** Married at First Sight Australia **3.40** Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) **4.30** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **4.55-6.00am** The Neighborhood

E4 Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 144

E4 Extra F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** **Salvage Hunters 10.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun (AD) **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** The Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** **New**. Menendez Brothers: Muddled? **11.00** Ghost Adventures **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Shopping **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters

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Sky Arts

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**Spielberg 10.00pm** Exploring the career of the American film-maker

6.00am Gilbert and Sullivan: a Motley Pair **6.30** Cirque du Soleil: Nouvelle Experience **8.00** The Joy of Painting **9.00** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.00** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.00** Discovering: Ryan Gosling **12 noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** The Art of Architecture **3.00** Wonderland: Gothic: Gothic architecture **4.00** Discovering: John Mills **5.00** The Joy of Painting: double bill

6.00pm **Tales of the Unexpected** A man risks everything for money when he agrees to kill a former classmate. (AD)

6.30 A man with a remarkable memory plans to turn his talent into cash by offering to help someone recall a locker number. (AD)

7.00 **Best of Portrait Artist of the Year** A look back at the most memorable moments from the tenth series of the competition with Stephen Mangan and Joan Bakewell.

8.00 **Discovering: Julia Roberts** The life and career of the Oscar-winning actress.

9.00 **Discovering: Peter Ustinov** A look at the life of the English actor, writer, film-maker and raconteur, who won Academy Awards for his roles in *Spartacus* and *Topkapi*.

10.00 **Spielberg** Susan Lacy examines the career of one of the world's most acclaimed film-makers - Steven Spielberg. (AD)

12.30am **FILM** I Am Bruce Lee ★★★★★ Documentary about the charismatic actor and martial arts star (AD) (W) **2.25** Wuthering Heights **5.05-6.00am** The South Bank Show

Sky Arts Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Come Dine with Me: from Sheffield **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas (AD)

1.30pm A Place in the Sun **2.30** Come Dine with Me **5.00** Château DIY at Christmas (AD)

6.00pm **A Place in the Sun** Jasmine Harman helps a couple find their dream holiday home in Benalmádena, Spain.

7.00 **Jamie's Easy Christmas 1/2**. No-fuss recipes perfect for festive gatherings, including crispy duck and short-rib beef. (AD)

8.00 **Location, Location, Location Ep 2** Kirstie Allsopp and Phil Spencer help first-time buyers from Manchester. Robyn and Alice are looking for a classic redbrick home, while Steph and Christopher need help bidding.

9.00 **FILM** **John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum** ★★★★★ Action thriller starring Keanu Reeves. With a bounty on his head, famed hitman John Wick goes on the run.

Review p49. Shown Saturday 9pm C4 (AD) **11.35** **FILM** **Patriot Games** ★★★★★ Thriller based on the bestselling novel by Tom Clancy, starring Harrison Ford. Former CIA analyst Jack Ryan saves a member of the royal family from an attack and becomes a target for revenge. **Review p49**. Shown Sat 11.30pm C4

1.55am The Couple Next Door: the drama concludes **4.00-4.55am** Fur Babies (AD)

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Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.30** **New**. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Outback Car Hunters **12 noon** How Do They Do It? **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flog It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** **New**. Million Dollar Wheels: RD tries to sell a muscle car to Josh Altman **10.00** **New**. Lucky! **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air 999 **2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Outback Car Hunters **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made: double bill

Quest Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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**Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** 9.00pm An MG Montego Turbo

6.10am Secrets of the Railways (AD) **7.10** Underground Worlds **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War **6.00pm** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo travels the Habsburg imperial line from Vienna across the Semmering Pass to Trieste.

7.00 **Antiques Roadshow** Fiona Bruce presents from the Royal Hall in Harrogate.

8.00 **Bangers and Cash** A widow reluctantly parts with her husband's collection of Rolls-Royces and Bentleys.

9.00 **Bangers and Cash: Restoring Classics** The team sets to work on the restoration of an MG Montego Turbo. (AD)

10.00 **Bangers and Cash** Three MGs from the 1970s turn up at the garage.

11.00 **Abandoned Engineering** At Ponte Dirillo in Italy and a theatre in Ohio. (AD)

12 midnight Great British Railway Journeys **1.00am** Secrets of the Railways (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Underground Worlds

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7.15am Extreme Heights Repair Team **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **10.00** Outback Pilots **11.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure

12 noon Storage Hunters UK **1.00pm** Celebrity Storage Hunters **2.00** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** The Hairy Bikers' Asian Adventure

6.00pm **Rick Stein's Road to Mexico** The chef explores Guadalajara and Puerto Vallarta.

7.00 **Richard Osman's House of Games** Rickie Haywood-Williams, Sally Phillips, Vikki Stone and Dan Walker take part.

7.40 Jay Blades, Shaun Keaveny, Rachel Parris and Jan Ravens continue their rivalry.

8.20 **Would I Lie to You?** Guests include Johnny Vegas, Alex Jones and Martin Lewis.

9.00 **QI XL** With guests Jeremy Clarkson, David Mitchell and Ross Noble.

10.00 **Two Pints of Lager and a Packet of Crisps 5/8 Series 4**. Janet throws a party.

10.40 **6/8**. Jonny receives an ultimatum.

11.20 **Mock the Week** Guests include Tom Allen, Ed Gamble and Kerry Godliman.

12 midnight Unseen material from the show.

12.40am Would I Lie to You? **1.20** Richard Osman's House of Games **2.00** Meet the Richardsons (AD) **3.00-4.00am** Sneakerhead (AD)

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Dave Ja Vu Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Motorway Patrol **10.00** UK Border Force

11.00 Highway Patrol (AD) **12 noon** Motorway Patrol (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **4.00** Stargate Atlantis

5.00 Stargate SG-1 **6.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager **8.00** **New**. NCIS: Los Angeles: Kensi and Deeks hear exciting news regarding the adoption first shown on Sky Max **9.00** Agatha Raisin: Agathaland: the journey from script to screen of the comedy crime drama (AD) **10.00** The Real Manhunter (AD) **11.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers

12 midnight World's Most Evil Killers **1.00am** The Force: North East **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill

Sky Mix Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.05** NCIS (AD) **11.55** Entertainment News **12 noon** Law & Order: triple bill **2.55pm** Entertainment News **3.00** Law & Order: double bill **4.55** Entertainment News **5.00** Law & Order

6.00pm NCIS *Series 14*. Triple bill. Abby's think-tank is compromised **7.00** Bishop seeks vengeance for the murder of Qasim **8.00** McGee learns the previous occupant of his flat hid an item of value within (AD) **9.00** Jesse Stone: Thin Ice: a police chief under investigation defies the town council **10.50** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit *Series 11*

2.45am Lucifer: the team work to find the killer **3.35-4.00am** 999: Criminals Caught on Camera

5 USA F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.15** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.15** GP's: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.20pm** Traffic Cops **2.20** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD)

5.25pm **FILM** Four Cousins and a Christmas ★★ Comedy drama starring Raffaella Capp **7.00** **GP's: behind Closed Doors** A patient feels unwell after bumping her head. (AD)

8.00 **Casualty 24/7: Every Second Counts** John Shepherd treats a man who fell from a six-foot fence onto concrete.

9.00 **Ambulance: Code Red** Critical care paramedics are dispatched to a nightclub where multiple stabbings have taken place and one man needs urgent treatment. (AD)

10.00 **A&E after Dark** Dr Chris comes across a crashed motorcycle on his way home.

11.00 **Skin A&E** Dr McMullen has a painful nail condition to diagnose, Dr Shah's patient has a lesion on her head and Dr Sheraz deals with a mole on top of a mole. (AD)

12.05am **Aldi vs Harrods: Who Does Christmas Better?** **1.05** **Revenge**: two episodes

2.50-3.00am Entertainment News

5 Star Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Entertainment News **9.15** Trucking Hell **10.15** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.15** **FILM** Sierra ★★ Western starring Wanda Hendrix and Audie Murphy

1.00pm **FILM** Cimarron ★★ Epic western starring Glenn Ford **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders

6.00pm **Police Interceptors** A driver flees the scene of a horrific crash and a group of lads get up to no good at a flower show.

7.00 A van thief takes a wrong turn with officers in hot pursuit, and a driver with a penchant for rude gestures gets a telling-off.

8.00 A dog handler has to wrestle with a drunken man in Lincoln, and a juggernaut in jeopardy is pulled over on the A1.

9.00 **Trucking Hell** In Herefordshire, rookie operator Euan is assigned a tricky task.

10.00 **New**. **Extreme Tow Truckers** The heaviest rainfall in 70 years sparks a flood emergency in New South Wales.

11.00 **Wrestling** Wrestling action with the superstars of WWE, including Drew McIntyre.

12 midnight-3.00am Ultimate Police Interceptors: three back-to-back editions

5 Action Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

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9.00am Cash in the Attic (AD) **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** **FILM** Christmas for Keeps ★★ **1.50pm** Entertainment News

2.00 The Yorkshire Vet (AD) **3.55** Entertainment News **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild

6.00pm **World War 1 in Colour** Troops on both sides reach breaking point.

7.00 **Inside Harrods at Christmas** Behind the doors of the famous London retailer.

8.00 **Freddie Mercury: In His Own Words** The story of the Queen frontman's life.

10.00 **Michael Barrymore: Rise and Fall of Mr Saturday Night** The life of the entertainer.

11.30 **Funniest Ever Christmas TV Cock-Ups** Blunders from film and television.

1.00am Forged in Fire: two final duels **1.55** Nazi Megastructures: propaganda techniques **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News

5 Select F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf



THURSDAY Freeview & films



Property Brothers: Forever Homes 6.00pm Renovations

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking **7.00** Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: the Big Build **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes High-school sweethearts Mike and Ashley buy Ashley's childhood home. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: Million Pound Build for Children in Need Reconstructing a Peterborough centre for disabled children.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas Lee and Nicole help a baby who has suffered a seizure.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A nine-year-old boy has fallen on his head. **10.00** A 52-year-old has hit his head on a concrete step.

11.00 999 Rescue Squad A high-speed crash leaves a woman trapped in her crumpled car. **12 midnight** One Born Every Minute **2.00-3.00am** The Haiky Bikers' Northern Exposure (AD)

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HGTV 44

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00 New series.** Best in Miniature **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** Best in Miniature **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block **9.00 New.** Christina on the Coast (AD) **10.00 New.** Selling the Hamptons: JB must impress a client's daughter **11.00** Bargain Mansions **12 midnight** Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home

HGTV F'view 44 F'sat 166 Sky 158 Virgin 191 +1 Sky 258 Virgin 391

London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian Adventure **7.00** Shine On Harvey Moon **8.00** Never the Twin **8.30** After Henry **9.00** The Brothers McGreggor **10.00** Revolution in Colour **11.00** The World's Most Extraordinary Families **12 noon** The Story of the London Underground **1.00pm FILM** The 14 ★★ **3.05** **FILM** Gordie ★★★ **5.00** The Haiky Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **5.45** Big City Life **6.00** London Live News **7.00** Spitfire Voices **8.00** A Bit of a Do **9.15** The Comic Strip Presents...: Space Virgins from Planet Sex **10.00** Murder Maps **11.00** The Irish Mob **12 midnight** On Tender Hooks **1.30am FILM** The Painted Smile ★ **2.45** Never the Twin **3.15** London Districts **3.30** News **3.50-6.00am** Talking Points

London Live F'view 8 Sky 117 Virgin HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf



Rachel Allen: Bake! 7.30pm Creating a gingerbread house

6.00am Valerie's Home Cooking **7.00** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **8.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **9.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **9.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! **10.00** Barefoot Contessa **11.00** Ainsley's Festive Flavours **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Valerie's Home Cooking **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! **2.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **3.00** Ainsley's Festive Flavours **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** Valerie's Home Cooking **6.00** The Great Christmas Bake Off **7.00 New.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **7.30** Rachel Allen: Bake! **8.00** Ainsley's Festive Flavours **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **11.00 New.** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown: Jeff Mauro is in the house with a holiday feast featuring fancy ingredients **12 midnight** Buddy vs Christmas **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Cake Wars: Christmas

Food Network F'view 43 F'sat 148 Sky 140 (141 Scot) Virgin 190 +1 F'sat 149 Sky 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **9.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle **1.00pm** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **5.00** Murder: She Wrote **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **10.00** The Persuaders!: Brett and Danny are assigned to protect an heiress whose long-lost brother has reappeared to snatch her inheritance **11.00** Return of the Saint **12 midnight** M*A*S*H: four episodes **2.00am** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News

Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) Freesat 142 Sky 157 Virgin 170 +1 Freesat 143 Sky 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written in Blood **1.00pm** See No Evil **3.00** Medical Detectives **5.00** Written in Blood: double bill. Mason Cross invites Simon to his home town of Glasgow to uncover a case that unfolded on his doorstep, then Peter Robinson invites Simon to Yorkshire, where he reveals the story of a stabbing victim **7.00** Judge Judy **1.00am** Written in Blood **3.00** See No Evil **4.50** Medical Detectives **5.40-6.00am** Judge Judy

True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 Freesat 134 Sky 147 Virgin 172

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Women and Equalities Questions **7.30** Prime Minister's Questions **8.05** House of Commons **9.30** Live Transport Questions **10.30** Live Business Questions **11.15** Live House of Commons: the day's events **5.30pm** Scottish First Minister's Questions **6.15** Lords Questions **6.55** House of Lords **2.15am** Transport Questions **3.15** Business Questions **4.00-7.00am** House of Commons **BBC Parliament** Freeview 232 Freesat 201 Sky 145 Virgin 605



Who Killed Ivan the Terrible? 7.25pm The dictator's death

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created **6.55** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.30** Crypto Decoded **9.40** Who Killed Ivan the Terrible? **10.45 New.** Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest **1.00pm** Beautiful Serengeti **1.40** Crypto Decoded **2.55** Who Killed Ivan the Terrible? **3.55** Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest

6.20pm Crypto Decoded An explanation of the different types of crypto and how they all work.

7.25 Who Killed Ivan the Terrible? Investigating the Russian dictator's mysterious death.

8.35 Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest Douglas A Blackmon looks back at school desegregation in Mississippi.

10.55 Who Killed Ivan the Terrible? As 7.25pm.

12 midnight Crypto Decoded **1.15am** Beautiful Serengeti **1.50** Integrating Mississippi's Schools: the Harvest **3.45** Plane Crash Re-created **4.45-6.00am** Jazz

PBS America F'view 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) Freesat 155 Sky 174 Virgin 187

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.20** Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **11.00** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30 New.** Container Wars: a container riddled with bullets, a burned-out box, a freak accident on the lot and an out-of-this-world discovery all feature on the show **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal: from Llandudno, north Wales **9.00** Ancient Aliens **10.00** Craig Charles: UFO Conspiracies **11.00** Evil Encounters **12 midnight** Hunting Nazi Treasure **1.00am** Digging for Britain **2.00** Irish Pickers **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars: Dave pushes Mary to breaking point **4.10** Air Crash: Disasters Uncovered **5.00-6.00am** Pawn Stars

Blaze F'view 64 F'sat 162 Sky 164 Virgin 174

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **3.00** Cash in the Attic: double bill **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye: double bill **6.00pm** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz where players answer questions to add to the prize pot **8.00** The Chase: double bill of the game show hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Classic: quiz presented by Chris Tarrant **11.00** Tenable: five London Underground workers play the game **12 midnight** Weakest Link **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Classic **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye: double bill

Challenge Freeview 48 Freesat 146 Sky 145 Virgin 139

CHILDREN'S Milkshake! on C5

5.35am Pip and Posy **5.45** Paw Patrol **6.00 New.** Milkshake! News **6.10** Badgers: Their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy **6.35** Odo **6.40** Tweedy & Fluff **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.40** Pip and Posy **7.55** The Adventures of Paddington **8.10 New.** Animal Care Club **8.20 New.** Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05-9.15am New.** Jen's Jolly Bakes

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CBeebies 202

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegesaurus **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.55** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.10** Hey Duggee **7.25** Bluey **7.40** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.05** Octonauts **8.15** Timmy Time **8.40** Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50** Nick Cope's Postcard **8.55** Small Potatoes **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Diddap **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.00** My Petsaurus **10.05** Teletubbies **10.20** The Toddler Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40 New.** Olga Da Polga **10.50** Gecko's Garage **10.55** Bluey **11.00** Supertato **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** Nick Cope's Postcard **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.30** Get Well Soon **12.40** Andy's Safari Adventures **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Hey Duggee **1.25** Love Monster **1.40** Colourblocks **1.45** Something Special **2.00** My Petsaurus **2.05** Teletubbies **2.20** Diddap **2.25** Supertato **2.30** Go Jetters **2.40** Maddy's Do You Know? **2.55** Andy's Safari Adventures **3.10** Our Family **3.15 New.** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.35** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00 New.** Dog Squad **4.10** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis **4.15** The Game Catchers **4.20** Bluey **4.35** Supertato **4.45** Go Jetters **4.55** Octonauts Specials **5.20** Colourblocks **5.25** Sarah & Duck **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories

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CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45 New.** Newsround **7.55** Grizzly and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.40** Andy and the Band **9.55** Secret Life of Boys **10.00** The Next Step **10.20** What's Cooking Omar? **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** After Life: Rot Box Detectives **11.30** Our Boarding School **11.50** Danger Mouse **12.15pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.50** Dennis & Gnasher **1.25** Grizzly and the Lemmings **1.40** Summer Camp Island **1.50** The Dengeers **2.20** Jamie Johnson FC **2.50** Nikki Lilly Bakes **2.55** The Zoo **3.10** The Deep **3.30** Danger Mouse **3.40** Ninja Express **3.55** Taffy **4.00** Grizzly and the Lemmings **4.20** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.40** Odd Squad **5.05** Total Dramarama **5.30** Dodger **6.15** Night of the Living Carrots **6.30** Secret Life of Boys **6.35-7.00pm** The Next Step

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ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2

6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Doo! **8.35-9.00am** Scooby-Doo and Guess Who?

ITVBe

9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Lily's Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder **11.15** Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS Film4 14

11.00am The Long Ships ★★ Swashbuckling Viking adventure with Richard Widmark and Sidney Poitier that is too self-indulgent for its own good. (1963, PG) (S) (AD)

1.35pm The Bells of St Mary's ★★ ★★ Enjoyable musical drama in which priest Bing Crosby helps nun Ingrid Bergman fix up her run-down mission. (1945, U) (S) (AD) **4.10 The Sons of Katie Elder** ★★ ★★ Terrific western in which four brothers set out to avenge the death of their father. John Wayne, Dean Martin (1965, U) (S) (AD)

6.40pm Steel Magnolias ★★ ★★ Wonderful comedy drama that revolves around the patrons of a Deep South beauty parlour. Review, right. Sally Field, Dolly Parton, Shirley MacLaine (1989, PG) (S)

9.00 10 Things I Hate about You ★★ ★★ Smart teen romcom that relocates *The Taming of the Shrew* to a high school. Review, right. Heath Ledger (1999, 12) (S) (AD)

11.00 Your Name ★★ ★★ Stunning Japanese animation about two high-school kids who swap bodies across time and space to stop a disaster. Review, right. Ryunosuke Kamiki (2016, 12) (S) (AD)

1.10-3.10am The Farewell ★★ ★★ Awkwafina leads this moving culture-clash comedy about a Chinese-American woman whose family pretend their ailing matriarch is perfectly fine. (2019, PG) (S) (AD)

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6.00am The Larkins TV sitcom. (S) **6.45 The Resurrection of Zachary Wheeler** ★★ Efficient sci-fi thriller in which reporter Leslie Nielsen uncovers the dealings of a medical organisation. (1971) (S) **9.00 Law of the Plainsman** TV western. (S) **9.30 Girdle of Gold** ★★ Watchable comedy about a man who hides his riches in his wife's corset, only for her to give it away. Esmond Knight (1952, U) (S)

10.45 Carry On Spying ★★ ★★ Meritless ribbing of the spy genre. Review, right. Kenneth Williams, Barbara Windsor (1964, U) (S) **12.30pm Beat the Devil** ★★ ★★ Globe-trotting romp that finds a mismatched group going in search of uranium. Review, right. Humphrey Bogart, Jennifer Jones (1953, U) (S)

2.30 Crown Court TV drama. (S) **3.10 Victoria the Great** ★★ ★★ Delightful, life-spanning biopic starring Anna Neale as the long-serving Queen of England. Anton Walbrook, Walter Rilla (1937, U) (S) **5.40 Sherlock Holmes** TV mystery.

6.15pm Radio Days ★★ ★★ Woody Allen's delightful evocation of a 1940s childhood governed by adventure serials, quiz shows and romantic melodies. Mia Farrow (1987, PG) (S)

8.00 Danger UXB TV drama. **9.00 Rumpole of the Bailey** British TV courtroom drama.

10.05 The Innocent ★★ ★★ Old-fashioned Cold War thriller in which Campbell Scott gets mixed up in espionage in 1950s Berlin. (1993, 15) **12.25am Girl Who Couldn't Quite** ★★ Sensitive but wordy drama about an unlikely friendship. Bill Owen (1950) (S) **2.00 The Main Chance** TV drama. **3.00 Finders Keepers** ★★ Dismal musical romp. Cliff Richard (1966, U) (S)

4.50-6.00am The Balloon Goes Up ★★ Clumsy British flagwaver. Ronald Shiner, Donald Peers, Ethel Rennie (1942, U) (S)

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FILM REVIEWS

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9.00am Vows of Deceit ★★ Thriller starring Katherine Baileys. (2018) **10.55 Abducted Love ★★** Routine crime drama. Daphne Zuniga (2016) **1.00pm Love Map ★★** Romance about a columnist who clashes with a tour guide. Ashley Bratcher (2021) **2.55 Be Mine ★★** Sweet romance. (2021) **4.50 Prison Secrets: Mother's Deadly Secret ★★** Thriller in which an ex-con tries to readjust to society. Kelli Williams, Sarain Boylan, Niamh Wilson (2017) **6.55pm Paul Blart: Mall Cop 2 ★★** Kevin James returns as the amiable security guard, this time in Las Vegas. Raini Rodriguez, David Henrie (2015, PG) **9.00 Criminal ★★** The memories of a dead CIA agent are implanted into sociopath Kevin Costner in this knowingly played thriller. (2016, 15) **11.15 The International ★★** Stylish thriller in which an Interpol agent and a New York district attorney uncover shady goings-on. Clive Owen (2009, 15) **1.45am Push ★★** Convoluted sci-fi thriller. Chris Evans, Dakota Fanning (2009, 12) **4.00-5.40am An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: How to Con a Con**

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Great Action 42

8.00am Mackenna's Gold ★★ Predictable but enjoyable western. Gregory Peck (1969, 15) **10.35 Atlantic Convoy ★★** Cheap Second World War drama. Bruce Bennett (1942, U) **12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm** **Coroner Creek ★★** Routine western. Randolph Scott (1948, U) **2.55 Ambush at Tomahawk Gap ★★** Formulaic western adventure. John Hodiak (1953) **4.30 Wings at War: Fight for Britain 5.35 The Enemy General ★★** Contrived war drama. Van Johnson (1960, U) **7.10pm Storm ★★** A government research programme develops a weather controlling device in this far-fetched action thriller. Luke Perry (1999, 12) **9.00 Kickboxer: Vengeance ★★** Routine remake of the well-liked 1989 martial arts movie, with Alain Moussi as the fighter. Dave Bautista (2016, 15) **10.50 We Die Young ★★** Jean-Claude Van Damme is underused in this cliché-ridden gang drama. (2019, 15) **12.45am Hard Luck ★★** Violent crime thriller. Wesley Snipes (2006, 18) **2.45 Wings at War 2: Target Germany 3.50-5.00am War Machines**

Great Action Freeview 42 (limited) F'sat 305 Sky 323 Virgin 426 **+1 Sky 324**

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am Christmas with the Andersons ★★ Routine but charming comedy. (2016) **10.00 A Gift to Remember ★★** Amiable romance. Ali Liebert (2017) **12 noon Mr Christmas ★★** Predictable romantic drama. Sam Page, Tara Holt (2017) **2.00pm A Star-Crossed Christmas ★★** Harmless romance. Jonna Walsh (2017) **4.00 Oh Christmas Tree ★★** Predictable romantic comedy. Sarah Lancaster (2013) **6.00pm Santa's Summer House ★** Painful comedy. Cynthia Rothrock (2012) **8.00 Annie Claus Is Coming to Town ★★** Overly sweet romantic tale in which Santa's daughter finds love in Los Angeles. Maria Thayer (2011, U) **10.00 Snow White Christmas ★★** A woman plots against her stepdaughter but her plan is thwarted by love. Michelle Randolph (2018) **12 midnight Deck the Halls ★★** So-so fantasy. Gabrielle Carteris (2005) **2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am 12 Pups of Christmas ★★** Furry festive romance. (2019)

Great Movies Christmas Freeview 52 Freesat 303 Sky 319 Virgin 424 **+1 F'view 63 (limited 10pm-5am) F'sat 304 Sky 320**

Sky Premiere

6.50am As 6.05pm **8.45** As 10.05pm **10.40** As 4.25pm **12.20pm** As 8pm **2.25 A Thousand and One ★★** Empathetic indie drama about a struggling single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) **4.25 Mummies ★★** Breezy animated comedy in which Egyptian mummies search for a ring in 21st-century London. **Review p36.** Joe Thomas, Eleanor Tomlinson, Sean Bean (2023, U) **6.05pm Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett ★★** Lacklustre biographical drama about the Irish playwright. **Review p36.** (2023, 12) **8.00 May December ★★** An actor spends time with the woman whose life story she is set to portray. **Review p36.** Natalie Portman (2023, 15) **10.05 The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry ★★** Gentle British drama about a retiree on a 500-mile hike. **Review p36.** Jim Broadbent (2023, 12) **12.05am Renfield ★★** Madcap horror comedy with Nicholas Hoult as the nervy assistant to Count Dracula. Nicolas Cage (2023, 15) **1.45** As 2.25pm **3.45 Retribution ★★** Generic action thriller. Liam Neeson (2023, 12) **5.30** Sky Cinema Preview

Sky Premiere Sky 301 Virgin 401 EE 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky 312**

Legend 41

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00** Premonition ★★ Uneven supernatural action thriller. Casper Van Dien (2004) **1.00pm Rear Window ★★** Made-for-TV remake of the classic thriller. Christopher Reeve (1998, PG) **3.00** Lancaster Skies ★★ Uneven Second World War drama. Josh Collins, Rosa Coduri (2019, PG) **5.00** Star Trek **6.00pm** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi adventure series. **7.00** The Six Million Dollar Man TV sci-fi series starring Lee Majors. **8.00** Walker, Texas Ranger TV action drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00** The Driver ★★ Terrific thriller about a getaway driver who has no life outside his work. Ryan O'Neal, Bruce Dern, Isabelle Adjani (1978, 15) **10.50** Vengeance: a Love Story ★★ Silly but exciting thriller with Nicolas Cage as a troubled cop. (2017, 18) **12.50am Office Uprising ★★** Bloody action horror comedy. Brenton Thwaites (2018, 15) **2.35-4.30am** Mercy Black ★★ Well-honed but patchy horror. Daniella Pineda, Austin Amelio (2019, 15)

Legend F'view 41 F'sat 137 Sky 148 Virgin 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am The Curse of King Tut's Tomb **10.00** Andromeda **11.00** Fire Serpent ★★ Hokey sci-fi horror about a fireman fighting a solar alien lurking on Earth. Nicholas Brendon (2007) **1.00pm** Mega Shark vs Kolossus ★★ Entertainingly wacky sci-fi sequel. Illeana Douglas (2015) **3.00** Andromeda **4.00** Star Trek **5.00** Jory ★★ Coming-of-age western with Robby Benson as a boy who hooks up with a laid-back cattle driver when his father is killed. (1972, PG) **7.00pm** Andromeda TV sci-fi series starring Kevin Sorbo. **8.00** Star Trek TV sci-fi drama. **9.00** The Black Torment ★★ Intriguing enough gothic horror with John Turner as a nobleman who returns to his castle and thinks he might be losing his mind. (1964, 12) **10.45** Can't Come Out to Play ★★ A new neighbour upsets the uneasy peace of a couple who keep their son indoors, in this tense small-town modern gothic chiller. **Review, right.** Samantha Morton (2013, 15) **1.00-2.50am** As 9pm

Legend Xtra F'view 69 F'sat 138 Sky 317 Virgin 171 **+1** F'sat 139 Sky 318 Virgin 371



FILM OF THE DAY

Some Like It Hot ★★★★★

8.00-9.55pm BBC4

COMEDY Tony Curtis and Jack Lemmon are perfectly cast here as Chicago musicians who flee the Mob after witnessing a gang shooting. They don drag and join an all-girl band on a train bound for Miami, with both falling for singer Marilyn Monroe along the way. Sparks fly when Monroe falls for Curtis's bogus oil tycoon, and Lemmon's fling with his own (even more eccentric) millionaire is just as hilarious. Curtis didn't always get along with Monroe, and she also fell out with director Billy Wilder, but the personality clashes didn't prevent this from becoming a classic. **DAVID PARKINSON** (US 1959, BW, HD)

Carry On Spying ★★

10.45am-12.30pm

Talking Pictures TV

SPOOF Mercilessly ribbing the Bond movies and Graham Greene's spy entertainments, the ninth *Carry On* marked the series debut of Barbara Windsor. She plays the most resourceful of a hamstrung quartet of agents sent to Vienna to recover a secret formula. Bernard Cribbins, Charles Hawtrey and Kenneth Williams are her weak-kneed accomplices. **DP** (UK 1964, BW)

Beat the Devil ★★

12.30-2.15pm

Talking Pictures TV

COMEDY THRILLER This sophisticated romp sees a group of eccentric characters competing to claim uranium-rich land in Africa. Humphrey Bogart, Jennifer Jones and Peter Lorre lead the splendid cast, and the sparkling script comes courtesy of Truman Capote and John Huston, who also directs. **TONY SLOMAN** (UK/It 1953, BW)

Steel Magnolias ★★★★★

6.40-9.00pm Film4

COMEDY DRAMA Sally Field, Daryl Hannah, Olympia Dukakis and Julia Roberts lead this adaptation of Robert Harling's 1987 play. Set in Louisiana, it follows

the women as they discuss men, the menopause, manicures and marriage in Dolly Parton's beauty salon. Roberts received an Oscar nomination, but Shirley MacLaine steals the show as the town's grumpy outsider. **DP** (US 1989, edited for language, HD)

10 Things I Hate about You ★★★★★

9.00-11.00pm Film4

ROMCOM Shakespeare's *The Taming of the Shrew* gets updated to high-school America in this smart and pacey romcom. Julia Stiles is the sulky teen who is courted by dishy Heath Ledger, unaware that he's been hired to do so by her sister (Larisa Oleynik). The ensuing teen drama is as engaging as it is funny. **JOANNA BERRY** (US 1999, swearing, sexual references, HD)

Parenthood ★★★★★

9.00-11.30pm Comedy Central

COMEDY This feel-good favourite stays just the right side of sentimentality, as it charts the ups and downs of bringing up children. Steve Martin grabs the comic honours as the elder son of a family headed by crotchety Jason Robards, while the fine supporting cast also features Dianne Wiest, Rick Moranis and Keanu Reeves. **JOHN FERGUSON** (US 1989, swearing, HD)

Can't Come Out to Play

★★★ 10.45pm-12.50am

Legend Xtra

HORROR Parental devotion is taken to extremes in this horror reminiscent of Stephen King's *Misery*. Samantha Morton and Michael Shannon play the couple bringing up their wheelchair-using son (Charlie Tahan), and their overprotective behaviour is challenged when a teenage girl (Natasha Calis) attempts to befriend the boy. This well-acted character piece boasts a seriously nail-biting climax. **SLOAN FREER** (US 2013, violence)

Your Name ★★

11.00pm-1.10am Film4

ROMANCE This "adult" anime from director Makoto Shinkai is a warm and very watchable tale of two high-school teens who swap bodies. They are also linked across time and space to a natural disaster that's in the past for one, and in the future for the other. Shinkai's *Weathering with You* also premieres tomorrow. **DAVE ALDRIDGE** (Jpn 2016, swearing, HD)

The Dead Pool ★★

11.35pm-1.15am C5

CRIME "Dirty" Harry Callahan's fifth violent outing finds the San Francisco detective investigating when a crazed movie fan starts bumping off celebrities. Clint Eastwood's grouchy performance is the only reason for watching this silly and sadistic thriller, although Liam Neeson also features as a British director. **TS** (US 1988, violence, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Armageddon Time

★★★★★ 5.55-8.00pm

Sky Best of 2023

Thoughtful coming-of-age drama set in the 1980s. (2022, 15) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

The Equalizer 2 ★★

8.00-10.05pm Sky Hits

Denzel Washington looks into a friend's death. (2018, 15) Sky 303, Virgin 403, BT 503/517

Long Story Short ★★

11.35pm-1.15am

Sky Cinema Comedy

A man is cursed to skip forward through time. (2021) Sky 308, Virgin 408, BT 508/522

Films to stream from p34 Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Sky Showcase



Elf 7.00pm Buddy goes on an exciting trip to New York

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Kay Burley **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Nothing to Declare: double bill **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Planet Shark (AD) **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver: double bill **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD)

5.00pm The Simpsons Homer worries about his marriage. **5.30** The family hires a nanny. **6.00** Homer is chosen for a role on *The Itchy & Scratchy Show*. **6.30** A man befriends the family.

7.00 Elf ★★★★★

Seasonal comedy fantasy starring Will Ferrell. Raised by Santa's helpers at the North Pole, human infant Buddy sets out to find his real father on an exciting trip to New York. (AD) (W)

9.00 New. Dynamo Is Dead

RT The magician embarks on a journey to explore mental health and well-being, helped by inspirational figures. **See page 93.**

11.00 A League of Their Own Christmas Special Ep 8 Series 18 Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett take on a human darts challenge.

12 midnight **CHOICE**

Smothered **See page 93** **1.00am** Sex and the City **2.00** Caught on Dashcam Christmas Specials **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Early Rundown

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109
EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Blood and Treasure **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Blood and Treasure **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine 16/26 Series 3 The Grand Nagus Zek claims he has had a spiritual encounter.

7.00 17/26. An accident transports O'Brien five hours into the future, where he witnesses his own death. **8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 13/26 Series 2.** Trip is stranded on the dark side of a moon, where he is forced to work with an alien to survive the imminent sunrise.

9.00 Carrie ★★★★★

Horror remake starring Chloë Grace Moretz and Julianne Moore. Sky teen Carrie White is bullied by her classmates and oppressed by her fanatically religious mother. But Carrie has a hidden power – she can move things with her mind.

11.00 War of the Worlds: Annihilation ★

Sci-fi action thriller starring William Baldwin. When Earth is invaded, help arrives in the form of ordinary civilians.

1.00am Trickster **2.00** Star Trek: Enterprise **3.00** Stargate Universe **4.00-6.00am** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine: double bill

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122
EE 348/HD 363 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 229

Sky Atlantic



Billions 6.45pm Axe begins his employee evaluations

6.00am Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets (AD) **7.55** True Blood **10.05** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.30** True Blood: double bill

5.35pm Billions 10/12 Series 3 Axe explores an unappealing investment at a desperate moment. **6.45 11/12.** Axe determines his employees' worth at the year-end "comp" meetings. (AD)

7.55 Game of Thrones 9/10 Series 2. Tyrion defends King's Landing against Stannis Baratheon's naval assault. (AD)

9.00 The Gilded Age 7/8 Series 2 Period drama set in the 1880s following the fortunes of a woman who lives with her wealthy aunts in New York. Louisa Jacobson stars.

10.05 The Undoing 2/6. Grace finds herself on the receiving end of detectives Mendoza and O'Rourke's questions. Later, Grace's father insists she and Henry seek refuge at his house. (AD)

11.10 White House Plumbers 4/5. Reeling from the arrests at the Watergate building, Hunt enlists Saint John's help to dispose of evidence. (AD)

12.15am Billions (AD) 2.25 Game of Thrones (AD) **3.35** In Treatment **4.05-6.00am** Richard E Grant's Hotel Secrets: double bill (AD)

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am UK Border Force (AD) **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) **10.00** Highway Cops **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed: double bill

4.30pm Nothing to Declare Seven editions of the fly-on-the-wall documentary accessing the world of national security at Australia's biggest airports.

8.00 The Equalizer 13/18 Series 3. McCall discovers a connection between murders and a secret CIA program. (AD)

9.00 FBI 18/23 Series 5. A trucker is gunned down after a trip from Canada and all signs point the team to a noted criminal on the FBI's Most Wanted Terrorists list.

10.00 FBI: International 18/22 Series 2. The team protects Forrester when a Russian hitman seeks revenge on him. Meanwhile, Raines is sent into a tailspin when someone close to him is taken.

11.00 The Rookie 1/22 Series 4 Officer Nolan and the team race to locate Lopez after she is kidnapped on her wedding day, desperate not only to save her life but that of her unborn child. (AD)

12 midnight FBI: Most Wanted: triple bill (AD) **3.00am** Chicago Med **4.00** The Resident **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110
EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Dynamo Is Dead 9.00pm The magician takes on a new stunt

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow: the teams fight against zombies during the American Civil War (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 15/22 Series 6. Maybourne offers to reveal the location of an alien weapons stockpile, on the condition that he is allowed to go along. **7.00 16/22.** A Russian brings news that one of the Goa'uld is conducting experiments on the unwitting inhabitants of a planet.

8.00 Rob and Roshem vs Magic in Vegas Ep 1 Series 5. Rob Beckett and Roshem Ranganathan join Penn & Teller's show. (AD)

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12 midnight Christmas Crime UK **12.30am** Street Crime UK **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** S.W.A.T. (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol: double bill

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111
EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops **12 noon** Highway Patrol: double bill **1.00pm** Motorway Patrol **2.00** Most Haunted: double bill **4.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00** Merlin: double bill. Arthur becomes besotted with a beautiful girl whom he saved from the hands of bandits, then the Great Dragon warns Merlin to be wary after he saves the life of a young druid boy (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops: double bill **9.00** Jamestown: double bill (AD) **11.00** FBI: a gunned-down trucker leads the team to a criminal on the Most Wanted list **12 midnight** FBI: International **1.00am** The Real A&E: double bill (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry: double bill

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **1.00pm** An Unexpected Killer **2.00** Killer in My Village **3.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **4.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **5.00** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **6.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** World's Most Evil Killers (AD) **8.00** Britain's Most Evil Killers **9.00** New. World's Most Evil Killers **10.00** Who Killed Robert Wone **11.15** Killer in My Village **12.15am** Forensics: Catching the Killer **1.15** Killer in My Village **2.10** An Unexpected Killer **3.00** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **4.00** Road Wars **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121
EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



Only Fools and Horses 5.55pm Del and Rodney

7.10am Still Open All Hours **7.40** The Two Ronnies **10.00** 2 Point 4 Children **10.40** Last of the Summer Wine **12.35pm** Are You Being Served? **1.15** Keeping Up Appearances **2.00** Death on the Tyne (AD) **4.00** The Cockfields (AD) **5.00** The Vicar of Dibley (AD) **5.55** Only Fools and Horses (AD)

7.05pm Only Fools and Horses The Trotters arrive in America and promptly suffer a setback when their camper van is burgled. (AD)

9.00 Mrs Brown's Boys Buster installs an alarm system in Agnes's house, with predictably shambolic results.

9.35 The Royle Family: Joe's Crackers Barbara is up to her eyes in it on Christmas Day, with Jim incapacitated due to an unfortunate incident. (AD)

10.55 Not Going Out Lee's plan to spend time alone with Lucy at Christmas is royally scuppered by the presence of her parents, her brother and Barbara.

11.35 The Cockfields Simon and Esther travel to the Isle of Wight at Christmas to visit his dotting mother, controlling stepfather and celebrity-obsessed stepbrother. (AD) **12.40am** Mrs Brown's Boys **1.15** The Two Ronnies **2.50-4.00am** The Royle Family: Joe's Crackers (AD)

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124
EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **9.00** The Conners **10.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** House of Lies **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** Vice Principals (AD) **2.10** House of Lies **3.20** Entourage **4.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00** The Conners **6.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: triple bill **7.30** Will & Grace: double bill (AD) **8.30** The Office US **9.00** Sex and the City: double bill **10.00** **CHOICE** **New.** Smothered: double bill. Sammy meets Tom's friends on a wild night out, then Sammy has a harsh introduction to parenting as she babysits for the first time **See page 93.** **11.00 New.** The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **12 midnight** Girls: two episodes (AD) **1.15am** Martin Lawrence: You So Crazy **3.15** Bounty Hunters (AD) **3.45-5.00am** Vice Principals (AD)

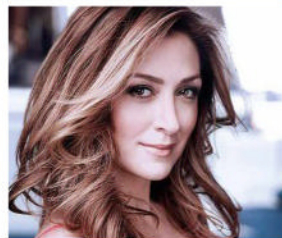
Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales)
Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Gadgets **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Fashion Crimes **9.00** Takeshi's Castle **10.00** Home Improvement **12 noon** Last Man Standing **2.00pm** The Middle **4.30** Friends: eight episodes of the US sitcom (AD) **9.00 FILM** Parenthood ★★★★★ Family comedy starring Steve Martin as an anxious father determined that his children will have a better childhood than he did. But he discovers that parents' expectations for their offspring rarely match reality. **Review page 99** **11.30** Jimmy Carr: Laughing and Joking **12.30am** Ugly Americans **1.00** South Park **2.30** Beavis and Butt-Head **3.05 New.** The Daily Show **3.30** Guessable? **4.15-5.00am** The Middle

Comedy Central Sky 112 (113 Wales)
Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360
+1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Rizzoli & Isles 11.00pm Maura becomes a mentor

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **1.00pm** Father Brown (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **5.00** Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm Without a Trace 11/24 Series 5. The team looks into the disappearance of a teenager who had recently asked for legal advice.

7.00 Elementary 21/24 Series 3 Holmes and Watson hunt for a criminal who killed two paramedics and abducted a woman.

8.00 Father Brown 8/15 Series 3 The priest and his friends are stranded with a group of hedonists and desperate to escape. (AD)

9.00 9/15. A body is discovered in a vineyard and Father Brown is tasked with searching for the murderer. (AD)

10.00 So Help Me Todd 16/21 When a juror at Susan's first solo trial dies, another juror is charged with murder.

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles 13/15 Series 3. A computer game player is murdered. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas: Hodges mulls a plea deal (AD) **2.55-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin 114
EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Arctic Ice Railroad (AD) **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** Building off the Grid **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **6.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers: a Tasmanian trucker lays his life on the line driving into an inferno **8.00** Railroad Alaska **9.00 New.** Survive the Clave: no one is safe, and contestants' secretly hidden dark sides are revealed (AD) **10.00 New.** Naked and Afraid Brazil: extremely weak, the participants reach the final stage of the challenge (AD) **11.30** Expedition Bigfoot **12.30am** Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.30** Naked and Afraid Brazil (AD) **3.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers (AD)

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177
EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** How the Universe Works **8.00** Blowing Up History (AD) **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 noon** Combat Dealers **2.00pm** How the Universe Works **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History **6.00** Combat Dealers (AD) **7.00** Expedition Unknown: Josh Gates investigates a Dead Sea Scroll etched with riddles **8.00** Greatest Events of World War II **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 midnight** How It's Made **1.00am** Combat Dealers **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Greatest Events of World War II **4.00-5.00am** Shed and Buried

Discovery History Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

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Sky Documentaries



Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown 11.10pm

6.00am Positive (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Claudia Cardinale (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle (AD) **12 noon** Althea (AD) (W) **1.45pm** My Icon: Maggie Alphonsi (AD) **2.00** SIC: Prince of MotoGP **3.45** My Icon: Thierry Henry (AD) **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Claudia Cardinale: a profile of the film actress (AD) **6.00pm** The 2000s A look at George W Bush's second term as president, which encompassed events including Hurricane Katrina. **6.55** The Vow Catherine has a difficult reunion with Indi, and Mark and Bonnie finally return to Clifton Park to confront their past. (AD)

8.00 Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle The disappearances of six women within five years in the 1990s. (AD) **9.00** Great Photo, Lovely Life: Facing a Family's Secret Photojournalist Amanda Mustard investigates sexual abuse crimes committed by her grandfather.

11.10 Mr Dynamite: the Rise of James Brown The career of the singer, musician and producer. (AD) **1.30am** Nike's Big Bet **3.15** Tread (AD) (W) **5.00-6.00am** Discovering: Claudia Cardinale: profile (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Bid and Destroy **8.30** Lords of War **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **11.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **12 noon** Car SOS **1.00pm** Ice Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand (AD) **4.00** Lost Nukes of the Cold War: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt: archaeologists search Tutankhamun's tomb for secrets previously missed **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: a devastating accident in Buenos Aires **8.00** Car SOS (AD) **10.00** To Catch a Smuggler **11.00** Air Crash Investigation: the crash of Continental Connection Flight 3407 in 2009 (AD) **12 midnight** Airport Security: First Class **1.00am** Banged Up Abroad **2.00** Food Factory USA **2.55-5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire Tournament of Champions **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Counting Cars **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire: seven losing competitors return to the forge **8.00** New. Pawn Stars: Rick and Corey dart out of the shop to check out a 1968 convertible **9.00** New. Mountain Men **10.00** Billy Connolly's Route 66 **11.00** Sex and Sensibility **12 midnight** Pawn Stars **1.00am** Salvage Kings **2.00** Hitler's Engineers **3.00** Pawn Stars **4.00-6.00am** Counting Cars **Sky History** Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Wild Castles 9.00pm Alpine ibex in Bavaria, Germany

6.00am Ol Pejeta Diaries **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **10.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **11.00** Chasing the Rains **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **4.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **5.00** Chasing the Rains

6.00pm Brazil Untamed Biologist Carolina Ribas goes in search of the elusive giant otter. **7.00** Monkey Life Alison receives an update on Monkey World's sister sanctuary in Vietnam. **7.30** Pichihua is now a member of Levar's top woolies.

8.00 Pridelands: Wilderness Reborn An Australian family set out to rebuild a South African ranch.

9.00 Wild Castles The animals that populate Neuschwanstein Castle in Bavaria, Germany.

10.00 Brazil Untamed As 6pm.

11.00 Chasing the Rains Anastasia's herd splits to protect two elephant calves.

12 midnight America's Wild Border: Northern Exposure **1.00am** Weird, Wild and Wonderful **2.00** Pridelands: Wilderness Reborn **3.00** Wild Castles **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00-6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Forbidden History (AD) **6.00** Forbidden History: six editions. Jamie Theakston journeys to Greece and Italy to uncover the truth about oracles **7.00** Rumours that the Nazis were building spacecraft **8.00** Jamie Theakston looks at the life and work of Nikola Tesla **9.00** Jamie goes in search of the Ark of the Covenant **10.00** The possibility that Hitler faked his suicide at the end of the Second World War and may have escaped from his Berlin bunker **11.00** Jamie Theakston investigates one of history's most enduring mysteries as he goes on a worldwide search for the Holy Grail (AD) **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Forbidden History (AD) **5.30-6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities: why male seahorses give birth (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** Cold Blooded Peruvian Predator: Expedition Mungo **3.00** South American Squatch of Argentina: Expedition Mungo **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked: the team helps NFL superstar Antonio Brown **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **8.00** Meet the Orangutans **9.00** Meet the Penguins **10.00** Edge of Alaska **11.00** How Sharks Hunt (AD) **12 midnight** Sharktacular 2016 **1.00am** Alaska Monsters **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00-5.00am** Tanked **Animal Planet** Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
7.00 Good Morning Sports Fans
8.30 **LIVE** European Tour Golf Round one of the Mauritius Open at Heritage La Réserve Golf Club.
1.30pm Lunchtime Live
2.00 Sports Desk
2.30 **LIVE** International T20 Cricket South Africa v India, coverage of the final match in the three-match series at Wanderers Stadium, Johannesburg.
7.00 Sky Sports News
10.30 Back Pages Tonight
11.00 Sky Sports News
12 midnight **LIVE** NFL Las Vegas Raiders v Los Angeles Chargers the week 15 game from Allegiant Stadium (kick-off 1.15).
4.30-6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442
6.00am League Cup Retro (AD) **8.45** Greatest Games (AD) **10.00** League Cup Retro **12 noon** Championship Football **2.00pm** Championship Highlights **2.15** Women's Super League Football **3.15** Championship Highlights **4.30** League One and Two Goals **5.00** Championship Highlights **6.00** German Football: previews **6.30** Championship Highlights **8.00** Scottish Premiership Football **8.30** League One and Two Goals **9.00** German Football **9.30** Championship Highlights **10.30** The Overlap (AD) **11.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **12 midnight-6.00am** SPFL Greatest Games: classic action

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am European Tour **7.00** Greatest Holes (AD) **7.30** Legends Tour Golf **8.30** **LIVE** European Tour Golf Round one of the Mauritius Open at Heritage La Réserve Golf Club.
1.30pm Legends Tour Golf **2.30** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD) **3.30** Players Championship Official Film (AD) **4.30** Junior Golf **5.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** Legends Tour **11.00** Players Championship Official Film (AD) **12 midnight** European Tour Golf **1.00am** Golf Academy (AD) **2.00** Players Championship Official Film (AD) **3.00** European Tour Golf **4.00** Golf Academy (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Players Championship Official Film

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412
6.00am Snooker **8.00** Olympic Games **9.00** Alpine Skiing: World Cup **11.00** Snooker: Scottish Open **1.00pm** **LIVE** Snooker Day four of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh, featuring third-round matches.
5.00 Showjumping
6.00 Snooker: Scottish Open **7.00** **LIVE** Snooker Day four of the Scottish Open in Edinburgh, featuring third-round matches.
11.00 Snooker **1.00am** Snowboarding **2.00** Snooker **4.00** Snowboarding **5.00-6.00am** Biathlon: World Cup

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 BT HD 413
6.00am Alpine Skiing **7.00** Freestyle Skiing **8.00** Snooker **10.05** Triathlon **10.35** Freestyle Skiing: World Cup **11.35** **LIVE** Snowboarding World Cup, parallel giant slalom in Italy. **1.05pm** **LIVE** Biathlon World Cup meeting, the women's 7.5km sprint. **2.30** Cycling **4.00** World Superbikes **5.00** Snowboarding **6.00** Biathlon **7.00** Curling **9.00** Cycling **10.00** Snowboarding **11.00** Biathlon **12 midnight** Cycling: Track Champions League **2.00am** Motocross **3.00** A Voyage of Discovery **4.00-6.00am** Snooker: Scottish Open in Edinburgh



Women's Champions League 8.00pm TNT 3

Chelsea dynamo Sophie Ingle

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441
6.00am Greatest Games (AD) **7.00** Legends (AD) **8.00** Best Goals **9.00** 100 Club (AD) **10.00** The Football Show **12 noon** Soccerbox **1.00pm** Premier League Years: 2012/13 (AD) **3.00** Greatest Games (AD) **4.00** Best Goals **5.00** 100 Club (AD) **6.00** Legends **7.00** The Big Interview **7.30** Stories **8.00** Match Officials Mic'd Up **8.30** Gary Neville's Soccerbox **9.00** The Big Interview **9.30** Stories **10.00** Class of 92: Full Time **11.00** Retro **1.00am** Premier League Years **3.00** Greatest Games **4.00** Best Goals **5.00** Best Goals **5.30-6.00am** 100 Club

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am Best of England **7.00** Talking Cricket: double bill (AD) **8.00** Big Bash League Highlights **9.00** International T20 Cricket **1.30pm** Best of the Big Bash (AD) **2.30** **LIVE** International T20 Cricket South Africa v India. **7.00** Big Bash League Highlights **8.00** Into the Light **9.00** Ashes Cricket **10.00** Big Bash League Highlights **11.00** The Best of the Big Bash (AD) **12 midnight** International T20 Cricket **4.30am** Talking Cricket (AD) **5.30-6.00am** Big Bash League (AD)

Sky NFL

Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** NFL Gameday **3.30** Jaguars Weekly UK **4.00** Highlights **5.00** NFL Bitesize **5.15** One Jets Drive **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NFL Gameday **8.30** Her Huddle **9.00** One Jets Drive **9.45** NFL **10.00** NFL Fantasy **11.00** Gameday **11.30** NFL **12 midnight** **LIVE** NFL Las Vegas Raiders v Los Angeles Chargers at Allegiant Stadium (kick-off 1.15). **4.30-6.00am** NFL

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am Legends of Darts **6.45** World Darts Championship: the finals from 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2022 **6.00pm** The Darts Show **7.00** World Darts **9.45** Legends of Darts **10.30** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **11.00** The Taylor Years **11.30** The Greatest Final 2007: Taylor v Barneveld **12 midnight** John Part's Journey **12.30am** World Darts **3.30** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **4.00** The Taylor Years **4.30** The Greatest Final 2007 **5.00** John Part's Journey **5.30-6.00am** The Greatest Leg

DAZN

5.45pm **LIVE** Women's Champions League Football Paris FC v Real Madrid (ko 5.45); **8.00** Chelsea v Hadden from Stamford Bridge (kick-off 8.00).

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430
7.00am TNT Sports Cricket Reload **7.15** **LIVE** Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, continued coverage of day one of the first Test in Perth. **10.15** International T20 Cricket Highlights **11.15** Reload (AD) **11.30** Netbusters (AD) **12 noon** Wrestling **4.00pm** Test Cricket Highlights **5.00** **LIVE** Europa League Football Coverage of two group games (kick-off 5.45 and 8.00). **10.30** Europa League Highlights **12 midnight** Premier League: the Big Interview **12.30am** Premier League Reload **12.45** Premier League Stories (AD) **1.15** Test Cricket Highlights **2.15** **LIVE** Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, day two from Perth. **4.30** TNT Sports Goals Reload **5.00-7.00am** **LIVE** Test Cricket Australia v Pakistan, further coverage of day two from Perth.

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431
6.00am Australian Football **7.00** Goals Reload **7.15** Wrestling **9.00** **LIVE** Badminton World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China, coverage of the group stage. **2.30pm** Badminton (AD) **2.45** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **3.00** Best: True Genius (AD) **4.00** Netbusters (AD) **4.30** Premier League Stories (AD) **5.00** **LIVE** Europa Conference League Coverage of two group games (kick-off 5.45 and 8.00). **10.30** Stand Up Kickabout **11.00** NBA (AD) **11.30** International One-Day Cricket Highlights **12.30-6.00am** **LIVE** International One-Day Cricket New Zealand v Pakistan, the second women's ODI at Hagley Oval. Continues until 9.30am.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432
6.00am **LIVE** Badminton Continued coverage of the World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China. **7.30** Champions League Football **12.30pm** I Believe in Miracles (AD) **2.00** Champions League Greatest Nights (AD) **3.00** Champions League Football **4.00** Europa League and Conference League Magazine **5.00** **LIVE** Europa Conference League Football A group match from matchday six (kick-off 5.45). **7.45** Deaf Away Days **8.00** **LIVE** Women's Champions League Football Chelsea v Hacken (kick-off 8.00). **10.00** Wrestling (AD) **11.00** French Football **11.30** Stand Up Kickabout **12 midnight** Europa League Football **1.30am** Europa Conference League **2.30** Champions League Football **3.30-6.00am** **LIVE** NBA Los Angeles Clippers v Golden State Warriors (tip-off 3.30).

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am Premiership Women's Rugby Union **7.00** Premier League Legends (AD) **7.30** Classic Premier League (AD) **9.30** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **10.00** Reload (AD) **10.15** French Football (AD) **11.15** MLB Classic **12.45pm** Reload (AD) **1.00** Italian Football (AD) **1.30** EuroCup Basketball **2.30** NBA **4.00** International T20 Cricket Highlights **5.00** **LIVE** International T20 Cricket West Indies v England, the second in the five-match series at Grenada National Cricket Stadium. **9.30** Test Cricket Highlights **10.30** Fight Week **11.00** UFC **12 midnight** NBA **1.30am** French Football **2.00-6.00am** **LIVE** Badminton World Tour Finals from Hangzhou. Coverage continues until 7.30am.

Friday



PLATING UP

Christine (Elaine C Smith), Colin (Jonathan Watson), Beth (Arabella Weir), Ian (Jamie Quinn), Hugh (Alan Orr), Eric (Alex Norton), Sandra (Maggie O'Neill) and Graham (Alexander Kirk) prepare to tuck in

SITCOM

Two Doors Down

9.30pm (11.30pm in Wales) **BBC1** Catch up via iPlayer

Two Doors Down may be on its seventh series, ten years on from its original one-off pilot, but it's showing no signs of slowing down. In fact, this latest run of episodes feels like one of the best in years – maybe the move from BBC2 to BBC1 was just what they needed.

To be fair, it probably helps the show's longevity that it doesn't deal in the most high-concept plots. Last series, we saw episodes devoted

to a shared box of doughnuts and a nice sit down in a sunny garden. And this week, the Glaswegian neighbours mine sharp from... A Father's Day trip to a carvery.

Gordon's strait-laced parents have come up from England for a meal with his in-laws, and it's not long before next-door neighbour Christine has invited herself along to show them the ins and outs of plating up slices of meat. It's well-observed as ever, and you may find yourself wincing with recognition – if you're not taking a few notes. She's not wrong about the beef... **HUW FULLERTON**

CHILDREN'S

Blue Peter

5.00pm **CBBC** Catch up via iPlayer

This is an edition that, depending on how generous a soul they are, will make young *Doctor Who* fans either gasp with delight or turn green with envy. Because not only is *Blue Peter's* competition winner going behind the scenes on the set of the sci-fi favourite, but they're also meeting stars Ncuti Gatwa and Millie Gibson, as well as showrunner Russell T Davies, and taking a tour of the Tardis (what a gorgeous new interior that is, by the way), before trying on costumes.

Don't worry, though, grown-ups: you get to see Gatwa as a guest on tonight's *Graham Norton Show* (BBC1, see opposite page). And no, kids, you can't stay up and watch it as it's on way past your bedtime.

DAVID BROWN

QUIZ

Celebrity Mastermind

7.30pm (8pm in Northern Ireland)

BBC1 Catch up via iPlayer

Some consider the specialist subjects on *Celebrity Mastermind* too easy, too low-brow. Yet *Star Trek: the Next Generation* is the topic for *Hollyoaks* actor Nick Pickard (yes, that's Pickard not Picard). In its entirety, the series consists of 178 episodes, and is surely just as demanding as the 38 plays of Shakespeare? You try remembering the names of all those Klingons.

A similar argument cannot be made for ex- *Lioness* Karen Bardsley, who has plumped for the films of Will Ferrell. Presenter Harpz Kaur is tested on Indian singer Diljit Dosanjh, while broadcaster Terry Christian is quizzed on Manchester United under the 1970s management of Tommy Docherty. **STEPHEN KELLY**

DOCUMENTARY

The Toy Hospital

8.00pm **Channel 5**

Catch up via My5

Let's have a look through the round window. Yes, there's a celebrity patient receiving treatment this week: Humpty from 1970s favourite *Play School*. Sophie from Cheltenham has loved her cuddly egg-shaped pal for decades, but he literally had the stuffing knocked out of him when he was kidnapped from a party during Sophie's student days. Can Dr Jackie put Humpty back together again?

Elsewhere in the clinic, Dr Charlotte performs physio on a Subbuteo squad that is too injured to play, while Dr Jax operates on a Cabbage Patch doll with facial scars, thanks to pesky felt tip pens. There are tears before bedtime, but at least they're of the happy kind.

MICHAEL HOGAN

MUSIC

Tony Bennett Night

9.00pm **BBC4** Catch up via iPlayer

When Tony Bennett died aged 96 in July this year, he brought the final curtain down on that golden generation of postwar jazz crooners. This tribute to the man Frank Sinatra once described as "the best singer in the business" highlights Bennett's supreme mastery of the Great American Songbook.

The centrepiece is *Tony Bennett Sings...*, a six-part BBC series from 1979 in which he performs a wealth of material based around particular themes or musical styles. That's followed by a 2011 birthday concert recorded at the London Palladium, and an engaging *Arena* profile from 1996, in which Bennett reflects upon his extraordinary life and career while journeying around his beloved home city of New York. **PAUL WHITELAW**

ALSO ON TODAY

Gardeners' World Winter Specials

8.00pm **BBC2**
Adam Frost visits Mary Berry (both pictured far right) at home to hear about her lifelong passion for gardening.

Have I Got News For You

9.00pm **BBC1**
Kirsty Young hosts, with guest panellists Armando Iannucci and Phil Wang joining Paul Merton and Ian Hislop.



Celebrity Gogglebox

9.00pm **C4**
Mug (or glass) in hand, a gaggle of famous faces get cosy on the sofa to watch the week's biggest TV shows.

DOCUMENTARY

Christmas in the Cotswolds

9.00pm **C5** *Catch up via My5*
It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. At least it is on our TVs, because so many programmes about the festive season are being scheduled. Those of us who are yet to drag the tinsel out or write a Christmas card might get into the festive spirit with this twinkly look at how people in the Cotswolds celebrate. The high street in picturesque Broadway becomes a bustling, gift-filled market, while the florists in Burford get busy creating seasonal wreaths and archways. There's also a glimpse of Blenheim Palace's spectacular Christmas light trails and reindeer herd. Oh, come on, 'tis the season to be jolly. **JANE RACKHAM**

ENTERTAINMENT

The Graham Norton Show

10.40pm (11.10pm Northern Ireland) **BBC1** *Catch up via iPlayer*
Tonight's edition will add several shows to your What to Watch list as it's a who's who of top TV talent promoting high-profile projects. First, Imelda Staunton takes us behind palace walls with insights on playing Queen Elizabeth II in the final series of *The Crown*. Then there's Jack Lowden, a key player in espionage hit *Slow Horses*, and Jamie Dornan, whose amnesia thriller *The Tourist* is soon set to return.
The headline act is arguably Ncuti Gatwa, who's just been handed the keys to the Tardis in time for 25 December. For those looking for a musical interlude amid the telly talk, give a big hand to Gregory Porter. **DB**

COMEDY

Ben Elton Live

11.05pm **C4** *Catch up: C4 streaming*
Ben Elton was the poster boy for alternative stand-up comedy in the 1980s and early 1990s. His breakneck demolitions of bête noire "Thatch" jostled for attention alongside acutely observed routines about petty everyday concerns, such as securing a double seat for yourself on public transport. He was, at his best, quite brilliant.
Now, after more than 15 years, he's back, with a set recorded in Southend in 2022. Anyone who saw him fronting last year's excellent and apparently one-off revival of alternative comedy showcase *Friday Night Live* will know that, despite fears to the contrary, Elton hasn't mellowed with age. He's still angry – and still very funny. **PW**

LIVE SPORT



Rugby Union: Champions League
Northampton Saints v Toulon
7pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports 1**
Expect Northampton's Fijian hooker Sam Matavesi to lend his weight to tonight's cause.
Bayonne v Glasgow Warriors
7.45pm (k/o 8pm) **TNT Sports 2**

Football: Premier League
Nottm Forest v Tottenham
8pm **Sky Sports Main Event**
Action from the City Ground.

Darts: World Championship
6.30pm **Sky Sports Main Event**
Day one at Alexandra Palace.

FILM OF THE DAY



Traffic ★★★★★ 18
9.40pm **Dave**

Steven Soderbergh's multistranded drama features a top-notch cast that includes Catherine Zeta-Jones as the naive drug baron's wife who has to step up after her husband is caught in a Drug Enforcement Administration sting operation. (2000)

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FAMILY TIES

Ava (Zoë Athena), Ally (Daisy Haggard), Paul (Martin Freeman) and Luke (Oscar Kennedy) pull together in the final episode

COMEDY

Breeders

10.30pm **Sky Comedy** *Catch up via Now*

SERIES FINALE

Breeders has grown up and, after four series, Martin Freeman, Chris Addison and Simon Blackwell's parenting "sadcom" reaches its end. If you're expecting a neat, happy ending, well... You haven't been watching *Breeders*, have you?

Granted, the laughs of the earlier series have long since flown the nest and in their place settled some frequently painful messages – often about fathers and sons. But it's been a wild ride. There's a fittingly

opaque start to this finale, with Luke weeping in the arms of dad Paul. What he's crying about only becomes apparent at the end.

Before that, he's elated at his dad while Ally is furious at her husband when it transpires Paul has wrangled it for Luke to defer his university course for two years. Jim continues to adapt to Jackie's vulnerability, plus there's an enjoyably scene-stealing last appearance from Darren.

FRANCES TAYLOR

FRIDAY Main Channels

DAYTIME

BBC1

6.00am Breakfast Naga Munchetty, Charlie Stayt. (S) (HD)
9.15 Morning Live at Christmas Magazine show hosted by Gethin Jones and Kimberley Walsh. (S) (HD)
10.00 For Love or Money A man dubious of another man's claims about an imminent inheritance. (R) (S) (HD)
10.45 Frontline Fightback A train driver suffers injuries when a brick is hurled at his cab. (R) (S) (HD)
11.15 Homes under the Hammer Properties in Bradford, Kent and Birmingham. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
12.15pm Bargain Hunt Danny Sebastian celebrates the eclectic and nostalgic world of collecting. (S) (HD)
1.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
1.45 Father Brown 8/10 Series 9. Bunty reunites with Father Brown to uncover a dark secret. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.30 The Bidding Room Items include vintage medical posters and a life-size ceramic sheep. (R) (S) (HD)
3.15 Escape to the Country Alistair Appleton helps a couple find a new home in Somerset. (R) (S) (HD)
3.45 Antiques Road Trip Catherine Southon and Phil Serrell travel from Great Baddow to Manningtree, seeking valuable items on the Essex coast. (S) (HD)
4.30-5.15 Make it at Market A furniture-maker and a wearable cake shoe designer receive advice. (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2

6.30am Antiques Road Trip Shown Thu 3.45pm BBC1 (S) (HD)
7.15 Make it at Market Shown Thu 4.30pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)
8.00-9.00 Sign Zone Gardeners' World Winter Specials 1/4. Monty Don has advice on how to pot up amaryllis. Carol Klein champions witch hazel. Shown Saturday 8.40am (S) (AD) (HD)
9.00 Nicky Campbell Calls on the day's talking points. Simulcast with Radio 5 Live. (S) (HD)
10.00 BBC News (S) (HD)
12.15pm Politics UK The week's highlights. (S) (HD)
1.00 Catchpoint Shirlie and Martin Kemp take on Kadeena Cox and Perri Shakes-Drayton. (R) (S) (HD)
1.30 The Boss Quiz with Susan Calman. (R) (S) (HD)
2.15 The Best Christmas Food Ever Pork ribs, a pavlova with Christmas pudding ice cream and a focaccia loaf imbued with cranberry and grape. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00 Baking All the Way ★★ Romance starring Cory Lee and Yannick Bisson. A famous pastry chef butts heads with a small-town baker. Director Yannick Bisson (2022) (S) (W) (HD)
4.25 The Best Dishes Ever Classic recipes. (R) (S) (HD)
4.30-5.00 A Countryside Christmas Tips on making a card and choosing the right tree. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

ITV1

6.00am Good Morning Britain (S) (HD)
9.00 Lorraine Showbiz gossip and guests. (S) (HD)
10.00 This Morning Lifestyle features, fashion and celebrity interviews. Including **Regional Weather** (S) (HD)
12.30pm Loose Women Frank exchanges. (S) (HD)
1.30 ITV Lunchtime News Regional News; Weather (S) (HD)
2.00 Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers visit Newark, where the treasures include a collection of Clarice Cliff ceramics. Signed repeat 5.05am (S) (AD) (HD)
3.00-4.00 Lingo Duos from Newcastle, Pontypool and London take part in the fast-moving word game. Adil Ray hosts. (R) (S) (HD) Followed by **Regional Weather**

Channel 4

6.15am Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (R) (S) (HD)
6.55 3rd Rock from the Sun Triple bill. (R) (S) (AD)
8.10 The King of Queens Three episodes. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
9.35 Frasier Triple bill of the US sitcom. (R) (S) (AD)
11.05 Château DIY at Christmas Donna and Paul must repair a grand staircase in time to host a festive drinks event. (R) (S) (AD) (HD) **12.05pm News** (S) (HD)
12.10 Amazing Spaces Snow and Ice Special Exploring small space design in Norway. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
1.10 Jamie's Easy Christmas Jamie Oliver demonstrates new ways to cook the turkey, roast potatoes and brussels sprouts. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)
2.10 Countdown With Marcus Brigstocke. (S) (HD)
3.00-5.00 A Place in the Sun Searching for a home in Alora, Spain on a budget of £110,000.
4.00 Lee Juggernaut helps Liz and Ian find a holiday home on the Mani peninsula in Greece. (R) (S) (HD)

BBC1

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The Graham Norton Show
10.40pm Doctor in the house: actor Ncuti Gatwa talks about his new role



5.15pm Pointless Celebrities

In a stand-up comedy edition, Rosie Jones, Miles Jupp, Russell Kane, Lucy Beaumont, Rhys James, Lloyd Griffith, Phil Wang and Sindhu Vee take part. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 BBC News Weather

6.30 Regional news magazines

7.00 The One Show

Presented by Alex Jones and Roman Kemp. (S) (HD)

7.30 Celebrity Mastermind

RT **3/14.** *Hollyoaks* actor Nick Pickard, ex-England footballer Karen Bardsley, radio presenter Harp Kaur and broadcaster Terry Christian are quizzed on *Star Trek: The Next Generation*, the films of Will Ferrell, the life of Indian singer Diljit Dosanjh, and Manchester United in the 1970s. Clive Myrie hosts. **See page 102.**
 Producer Paul Christian; Executive producers Jimmy Mulville, Chris Jones, David Young and Kate Middleditch (S) (HD)

8.00 Would I Lie to You?

David Mitchell is supported by Gloria Hunniford and Guz Khan, while Lee Mack is joined by Christopher Eccleston and Sophie Willan in this festive edition. Director Barbara Wiltshire; Series producer Adam Copeland (R) (S) (HD)

8.30 Ghosts

It's behind You. In this Christmas special from last year, the spectres rack their brains to come up with a special present for Alison. A box set is on iPlayer.

Kitty Thomas	Lolly Adefope	Alison Mike	Charlotte Ritchie
Julian	Matthew Baynton	Mike Carol	Kiell Smith-Bynoe
Fanny Pat	Simon Farnaby	Andi Alexander	Sophie Bould
Captain Robin/Humphrey's head	Martha Howe-Douglas	Ben Willbond	Lauren Dougan
	Jim Howick	Humphrey's body	Oliver Maltman
	Laurence Rickard		Yani Xander

Writers Matthew Baynton and Jim Howick; Director Simon Hynd; Producer Pat Tooke-Dickson (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Have I Got News for You

Guest presenter Kirsty Young is joined by writer and director Armando Iannucci and comedian Phil Wang. Director Martin Lord; Producer Jack Harris (S) (HD)

9.30 Two Doors Down

RT **4/6 Series 7. Carvery.** Ian and Gordon arrange a Father's Day visit to the carvery for both sets of parents. A box set is on iPlayer. **See page 102.**

Eric Beth	Alex Norton	Michelle Alan	Joy McAvoy
Colin	Arabella Weir	Alan Graeme	"Grado" Stevely
Cathy	Jonathan Watson	Graham Alexander	Kirk
Ian	Doom Mackichan	Sandra	Maggie O'Neill
Gordon	Jamie Quinn	Hugh	Alan Orr
Christine	Kieran Hodgson	Monica	Layla Kirk
	Elaine C Smith		

Writers Simon Carlyle and Gregor Sharp; Director Ben Gosling Fuller; Producer Jacqueline Sinclair (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 BBC News Regional News; Weather

10.40 The Graham Norton Show

RT Graham's guests tonight are *The Crown's* Imelda Staunton, new *Doctor Who* star Ncuti Gatwa, actors Jamie Dornan and Jack Lowden, and singer Gregory Porter, who also performs live. **See p103.**
 Director Toby Baker; Series producer Jon Magnusson (S) (HD)

11.30 Point Break ★★

Action thriller. Novice FBI agent Johnny Utah is assigned with partner Angelo Pappas to track down a gang of four bank robbers. In the belief that the gang are surfers, Utah goes under cover to learn surfing skills. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review p109.**

Bodhi	Patrick Swayze	Tyler	Lori Petty
Johnny Utah	Keanu Reeves	Grommet	Bojessa Christopher
Angelo Pappas	Gary Bussey	Ben Harp	John C McGinley

Director Kathryn Bigelow (1991, 18) (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

1.25am Weather for the Week Ahead

1.30-6.00am BBC News

BBC1 Freeview 1/HD 101 **Freesat** 101 **Sky** 101 **Virgin** 101

BBC2

2

Gardeners' World

Winter Specials

8.00pm Adam Frost hears about Mary Berry's love of gardening



5.00pm Flog It!

Adam Partridge and Christina Trevanion value collectables at Hereford Cathedral. (R) (S) (HD)

6.00 Richard Osman's Festive House of Games

The quizzing skills of Clare Balding, Ivo Graham, Ugo Monye and Su Pollard are put to the test. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 Strictly It Takes Two

Janette Manrara and Fleur East present a one-hour special ahead of the final. The last couples standing give all the backstage gossip. Last in series.

Series producers Judith Hay and Sonal Patel
 Executive producer Eve Winstanley (S) (HD)

1 BBC iPLAYER 7.20-9.35 Football Live coverage of the NFL match between Crusaders and Larnie (kick-off **7.45**)

7.30 Villages by the Sea

Series 2. Thorpeness. Archaeologist Ben Robinson visits Thorpeness on the Suffolk coast, the first purpose-built seaside village in the UK and the creation of architect Glencairn Stuart Ogilvie. Ben learns more about the striking Edwardian settlement with the help of Ogilvie's great-grandson and great-granddaughter, including a Peter Pan-themed lake. Director/Producer Beatrice Ni Bhroin (R) (S) (HD)

8.00 Gardeners' World Winter Specials

2/4. Adam Frost visits Mary Berry at home to hear about her passion for gardening and learn some tips on freezing herbs. Elsewhere, Rachel de Thame checks out a "cut your own flower" field in Dorset, while Frances Tophill joins garden designer Tom Massey to look at the ways urban greening projects can breathe new life into our towns and cities. Series producer Becky Pratt; Exec producer Gary Broadhurst (S) (HD)

1 BBC RED BUTTON 8.50-10.00 Equestrian Coverage of the London International Horse Show at the ExCel

9.00 Inside the Christmas Factory

Gregg Wallace heads to the Woodmansterne card factory in Watford, Hertfordshire, where he follows the production of a bestselling Christmas card, the Red Stag. Also, Cherry Healy creates a vegan festive feast and Ruth Goodman unwraps the story of the year when Christmas was cancelled. From 2021. Director Duncan Thompson
 Series producer Nicola Lafferty (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 QI

Sandi Toksvig hosts the 2022 festive edition, with Gyles Brandreth, Aisling Bea, Chris McCausland and Alan Davies being grilled on turkey, tinsel and toys. (R) (S) (HD)

10.30 Newsnight With Kirsty Wark. (S) (HD)

11.00 Weather

11.05 Mud ★★

Drama with Matthew McConaughey. Two 14-year-old boys are messing about on the Mississippi when they encounter a charismatic fugitive on the run for murder. The boys agree to keep his whereabouts a secret and to help reunite him with his estranged lover. On iPlayer for 30 days. **Review page 109.**

Mud	Matthew McConaughey	Galen	Michael Shannon
Ellis	Tye Sheridan	Senior	Ray McKinnon
Juniper	Reese Witherspoon	Mary Lee	Sarah Paulson
Neckbone	Jacob Lofland	Carver	Paul Sparks
Tom Blankenship	Sam Shepard	King	Joe Don Baker

Director Jeff Nichols (2012, 12) (S) (W) (AD) (HD)

1.10-3.40am Sign Zone 1.10 The Water Pollution

Cover-Up: Panorama How water companies are dumping huge quantities of sewage into UK rivers. (R) (S) (HD)

1.40 Saving Lives at Sea 10/10. The Cowes team embark on a nocturnal search for a missing jet-skier. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

2.40 Vigil 3/6 Series 2. Amy takes a risk that puts her in jeopardy. Shown Tuesday 9pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD)

BBC2 Freeview 2/HD 102 **Freesat** 102 **Sky** 102 **Virgin** 102

ITV1

3

Coronation Street

8.00pm Jenny learns she may have found the key to unlock Stephen's secrets

**4.00pm Deal or No Deal**

Stephen Mulhern hosts the game show where the contestants open boxes that could contain anything from 1p to £100,000, but will they be tempted by a lucrative offer from the Banker? Signed repeat 3am (S) (HD)

5.00 The Chase

Bradley Walsh hosts as contestants Katie, Ian, Gary and Jane attempt to outrun one of the fearsome Chasers and take home a prize pot potentially worth thousands of pounds. (S) (HD)

6.00 Regional News Weather (S) (HD)**6.30 ITV Evening News Weather** (S) (HD)**7.30 Emmerdale**

Angelica faces a big decision. Charles is taken aback by Aaron's attitude towards his mother. Tom beats himself up over his failed plans.

Writer Dawn Harrison Cast Tuesday/Thursday (S) (AD) (HD)

8.00 Coronation Street

Jenny and Carla suspect Stephen's computer holds vital information. Daniel and Ryan come to blows over Daisy. David informs Sarah about the mystery surrounding her paternity. Dom drops off Eliza at Number 6 for the last time.

Jenny Connor Sally Ann Matthews Sam Blakeman
Carla Barlow Alison King Shona Platt
Ryan Connor Ryan Prescott Gary Windass
David Platt Jack P Shepherd Alya Nazir
Sarah Barlow Tina O'Brien Maria Connor
Eliza Woodrow Savannah Kunyo Adam Barlow
Gail Rodwell Helen Worth Lesley Milner
Hope Stape Isabella Fianagan Yasmeen Metcalfe
Leanne Battersby Jane Danson Debbie Webster
Dev Alahan Jimmi Harkishin DS Swain

Writer Debbie Oates This week's episodes produced by Iain MacLeod, directed by George C Siougas, Mariam Hussain and Reece Dinsdale More cast Monday (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Beat the Chasers Celebrity Special

Bradley Walsh presents as broadcaster Kaye Adams, *This Morning's* Dr Zoe Williams, writer and broadcaster Gyles Brandreth, comedian Russell Kane and presenter Matt Allwright go head to head with the ruthless Chasers in an attempt to win big money for their charities

Executive producers Michael Kelpie, Martin Scott and Helen Tumbidge (R) (S) (HD)

10.00 ITV News at Ten

Weather; Regional News and Weather (S) (HD)

10.45 The NFL Show

Craig Doyle presents highlights of last night's game between Las Vegas Raiders and Los Angeles Chargers and previews the weekend fixtures. Osi Umenyiora and Jason Bell offer analysis and consider the play-off picture as the race for Super Bowl LVIII heats up. (S) (HD)

11.40 The Real Full Monty: Jingle Balls

2/2. It's the moment of truth for Coleen Nolan and Ashley Banjo as their team of celebrities prepare to bare all in an all-singing, all-dancing extravaganza. After months of training, will all their hard work pay off? **See choice, page 72.** Shown Tuesday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.50am Home Shopping (HD)

3.00 Deal or No Deal Stephen Mulhern introduces the big-money game show. Shown 4pm (S) (SL) (HD)

3.50 Unwind A sequence to calm the mind. (S) (HD)

5.05-6.00am Dickinson's Real Deal David and the dealers head for Newark. Shown 2pm (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

ITV1 Freeview 3/HD 103 **Freesat** 103 **Sky** 103 **Virgin** 103

+1 Freeview 35 **Freesat** 112 **Sky** 203 **Virgin** 303

Channel 4

4
7 in Wales**Ben Elton Live**

11.05pm A little bit of politics: the comedian performs in Southend-on-Sea

**5.00pm Kirstie's Handmade Christmas**

Kirstie Allsopp stages her paper craft competition. Plus a look at how to make some earrings as a gorgeous gift. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

6.00 Four in a Bed

The contestants meet one last time to discover who has won the competition. (R) (S) (HD)

6.30 The Simpsons

Treehouse of Horror XXVIII. Another trio of Halloween stories, featuring Maggie becoming possessed by an ancient demon. (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Channel 4 News Sport; Weather (S) (HD)**8.00 London Zoo at Christmas**

In this glimpse behind the scenes at the world's oldest scientific zoo, cameras follow the keepers and staff as they transform the venue into a magical winter wonderland for Christmas 2022. During the run-up to the festive season, they also perform their daily duties, which include carrying out medical check-ups as well as meeting and greeting the zoo's newest additions. Executive producer Laura Capaldi (R) (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 Celebrity Gogglebox

A host of famous faces and some of the country's favourite personalities hit the sofa and settle down to watch the week's big shows, sharing their sharp, insightful and witty reviews of the latest TV. Executive producers Mike Cotton, Victoria Ray and Leon Campbell (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 The Last Leg

Ep 6. Adam Hills, Josh Widdicombe and Alex Brooker are joined by Joanna Lumley, Ahir Shah and James Blunt for a comic review of the significant moments of the past seven days. As usual, the hashtag #isitok paves the way for the gang to round up, examine and explain the leading and most entertaining news stories of the week. Series producer Tom Messer Executive producers Andrew Beint and Danny Carr (S) (HD)

11.05 Ben Elton Live

RT After his return to the worlds of stand-up comedy and touring in 2019, the comedian, writer and performer takes to the stage at the Palace Theatre in Southend-on-Sea for a special recorded in 2022. **See page 103.** Director Geri Dowd; Producers Adele Fowler, Lindsay Jex and Lucy Ansbro (S) (HD)

12.35am Snake Eyes ★★ Action adventure.

A mysterious martial arts expert sets out to avenge his murdered father. However, the mission presents him with a moral quandary: should he betray a friend in exchange for key information that will help him in his task? Available to stream for 30 days.

Snake Eyes Henry Golding Hard Master Iko Uwais
Tommy Arashikage Andrew Koji The Baroness Ursula Corberó
Scarlett Samara Weaving

Director Robert Schwentke (2020, 12) (S) (W) (HD)

2.35 The Hunt ★★★★★ Satirical action horror.

Eleven strangers wake up in a forest and discover that they are the targets in a deadly game. Can they survive the hunt and turn the tables on their tormentors? Available to stream for 30 days.

Crystal Betty Gilpin Ma Amy Madigan
Athena Hilary Swank Pop Reed Birney
Staten Island Ike Barinholtz Don??? Wayne Duval
Gary Ethan Suplee Vanilla Nice Sturgill Simpson
Yoga Pants Emma Roberts Target Christopher Berry

Director Craig Zobel (2020, 15) (S) (HD)

4.00-6.10am Come Dine with Me Dinner parties from Hastings and Rye, East Sussex, including Thai dishes, an evening of comfort food, a simple seaside menu and an Italian-themed evening. (R) (S) (HD)

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+1 Freeview 15 **Freesat** 121 **Sky** 204 **Virgin** 304

BBC4

9
24 in Scotland**Tony Bennett Sings...**

from 9.00pm In celebration of the late, great jazz crooner

**7.00pm Top of the Pops 1995**

Craig McLachlan introduces the 27 July edition of the music show, with the Boo Radleys, PJ and Duncan, Method Man featuring Mary J Blige, the Lightning Seeds, Boyzone, REM, Seal and Supergrass. (R) (S)

7.30 Mark Goodier introduces the show from 3 August, including performances by Therapy?, Corona, New Order, Black Grape, Pet Shop Boys, Blur and Take That.

Directors Claire Winyard and Phil Chilvers
Producer Ric Baxill (R) (S)

8.00 Top of the Pops 1987

Mike Read and Gary Davies host the edition from 17 December, featuring Wet Wet Wet, Mel & Kim, Simply Red, the Pogues and Kirsty MacColl, Level 42, Nat King Cole, Belinda Carlisle, Pet Shop Boys and Madonna.

Producer Brian Whitehouse; Executive producer Michael Hurll Repeated 3.05am (R) (S)

8.30 Top of the Pops 1978

Tony Blackburn presents an edition from 14 December, including Rocky Sharpe and the Replays, Hot Chocolate, Darts, Buzzcocks, Elton John, Elkie Brooks, Mankind, the Barron Knights and Chic. Directors David G Hillier and Johnny Pearson; Exec producer Robin Nash Repeated 2.35am (R) (S)

9.00 Tony Bennett Sings...

RT **1/6. Songs from the Movies**

Crooner Tony Bennett presents music by the world's best songwriters. In this edition he sings songs from the big screen. First broadcast in 1979.

9.30 2/6. His Personal Hit Songbook

The singer performs a selection of his favourite songs, including *I Left My Heart in San Francisco*, *I Wanna Be Around*, *For Once in My Life*, *Fly Me to the Moon* and *Stranger in Paradise*.

10.00 3/6. Songs of Broadway

Tony turns his talents to some of the biggest show tunes of Broadway, including *Who Can I Turn To?*, *Lazy Afternoon* and *My Funny Valentine*.

10.35 4/6. Saloon Songs.

The singer performs music by the world's best songwriters, accompanied by bassist Arthur Watts, drummer Alf Bigden and the Rothstein String Quartet.

11.10 5/6. Song Stories.

Tony performs songs by Duke Ellington, Johnny Mercer and Cole Porter.

11.40 6/6. Tin Pan Alley.

A selection of numbers from the Great American Songbook. **See page 102.**

Producer Yvonne Littlewood
All episodes first shown on BBC2 (S)

12.10am Tony Bennett at the London Palladium: BBC Sessions

A 2011 concert in which the American singer marked his 85th birthday by drawing on a repertoire spanning 60 years. Including duets with Cleo Laine and Leona Lewis. (R) (S) (HD)

1.10 Tony Bennett's New York: Arena

The singer takes a tour around his native city with reporter Reggie Nadelson. First shown in 1996. First shown on BBC2 (S) (HD)

2.35 Top of the Pops 1978 Shown 8.30pm (S)

3.05-3.35am Top of the Pops 1987 Shown 8pm (S)

BBC4 F'view 9/HD 106 **F'sat** 108 **Sky** 116 **Virgin** 108

BBC1
SCOTLAND

8.00-8.30pm Landward: revisiting some of the best stories from the year

BBC
SCOTLAND

7.00pm The Seven
8.00 Inside Central Station Christmas Special: the work of staff at Glasgow Central
9.00 Billy Connolly: Made in Scotland
10.00 Still Game
10.30 Rab C Nesbitt
11.20 Short Stuff
11.50-12 midnight The Culture Scene

STV

6.00pm STV News
6.30 ITV Evening News **7.00-7.30** What's on Scotland at Christmas
12.50-3.00am Night Vision
3.50-5.05 Night Vision

ITV1 BORDER
SCOTLAND

6.30pm ITV Evening News; Weather
7.00-7.30 Border Life

BBC1 WALES

8.00-9.00pm Max Boyce at 80: a look at the entertainer's career
9.30-10.00 Kiri's TV Flashback: clips that prove the Welsh are a nation of animal lovers
11.30 Two Doors Down
12 midnight FILM: Point Break
1.55-6.00am News

BBC2 WALES

7.30-8.00pm Amy Dowden's Dare to Dance: the *Strictly* star helps a woman who loves to help others

ITV1 WALES

6.30pm ITV Evening News; Weather
7.00-7.30 Welsh Lives: cameras focus on the life of Anglesey
9.00-10.00 Coast and Country: a look back at the year's highlights

BBC1
NORTHERN
IRELAND

7.30pm Paula McIntyre's Hamely Kitchen: sausage rolls with carrot ketchup. Last in series **8.00** Celebrity Mastermind: with Nick Pickard, Karen Bardsley, Harp Kaur and Terry Christian
8.30-9.00 Would I Lie to You? at Christmas **10.40** The Blame Game **11.10** The Graham Norton Show: with guests including Imelda Staunton
12 midnight FILM: The Christmas Break
★ Comedy drama starring Justin Long and India Mullen
1.45-6.00 BBC News

UTV

7.00-7.30pm UTV Life: Join Pamela Ballantine for the best of local chat

Channel 5
listings are overleaf

FRIDAY Freeview

Channel 5

5



Christmas in the Cotswolds 9.00pm
A herd of reindeer brings festive joy

5.50am Milkshake! See page 108

9.15 Jeremy Vine (S) (HD)

11.15 Storm Huntley (S) (HD)

12.30pm Alexis Conran (S) (HD)

1.25 5 News (S) (HD)

1.30 The Night before Christmas ★★

P Romantic comedy drama starring Patsy Stone. A estranged mother and daughter reconnect during a snowstorm. Director Tallia Breen (2022) (S) (W) (HD)

3.15 Looking for Mr Christmas ★★

P Romance. PR pro Zoe decides to make a name for herself by representing a male contestant in a local festive pageant. Director Dylan Pearce (2023) (S) (W) (HD)

5.00pm 5 News (S) (HD)

6.00 Secrets of the Christmas Factory

Exploring the production of items from Christmas trees and cards to jumpers and gingerbread men, this film visits a farm in North Yorkshire to find out when the firs are ready to fell, and a factory where the biscuits are iced by hand. Producer Emily Cadman (S) (HD)

6.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

7.00 Christmas Shop Smart, Save Money

Angellica Bell and Oris Deley put hot-chocolate makers, children's toys and hi-tech decorations to the test, and Georgie Barrat offers advice on how to have an eco-friendly Christmas. Director Jess Matthews (S) (HD)

7.55 5 News Update (S) (HD)

8.00 The Toy Hospital

RT **Ep 4.** Dr Jackie repairs a 1970s Humpty Dumpty toy that has seen better days. Plastics expert Dr Charlotte draws on all her skills as she takes on a damaged 1990s table football game. And Dr Jax sets to work on a 1980s cloth doll that has had an unfortunate encounter with some ink colouring pens. See p102. Directors/Producers Steph Brunzel-Roberts, Steve Coward and Dan Cross (S) (HD)

9.00 Christmas in the Cotswolds

RT A look at how the festive season unfolds in one of the UK's most popular destinations, as the high street in Broadway becomes a winter wonderland. Elsewhere, a spectacular floral archway is created in Burford and thousands of lights illuminate the gardens of Blenheim Palace. Plus tips on how to prepare the perfect yuletide afternoon tea. See p103. Directors Gareth Fielding and Christian Hills (S) (HD)

10.00 When 80s TV Goes Horribly Wrong

Anita Dobson narrates this look back at small-screen disasters from the 1980s where things didn't quite go to plan. Director/Producer Angus McIntyre (S) (HD)

12 midnight Greatest Hits of the 80s (R) (S) (HD) **1.25am** Casino (S) (HD) **3.25** Friends (R) (S) (HD) **4.15** The Funny Thing about Christmas (R) (S) (SL) (HD) **5.00** Great Artists (R) (S) (SL)

5.30-5.55am Entertainment News (S) (HD)

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+1 Freeview 38 Freesat 128 Sky 205 Virgin 305

BBC4 listings are overleaf

BBC3

23



Canada's Drag Race 9.00pm Brooke Lynn Hytes watches the Snatch Game

7.00pm Chicken Run ★★ ★★

P Animated comedy adventure with the voices of Julia Sawalha and Mel Gibson. A clutch of hens plan a prisoner-of-war-style escape from a grim 1950s egg farm. On iPlayer for 25 days. Review page 59. Directors Nick Park and Peter Lord (2000, U) Shown Sunday 2pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (W) (HD)

8.20 Shaun the Sheep: The Flight before Christmas

Timmy goes missing and Shaun must rescue him. Available on iPlayer for 25 days. Shown Sunday 3.20pm BBC1 (S) (AD) (HD) Followed by **New. The Catch Up** (S) (HD)

8.50 The Fast and the Farmer-ish

Featuring two teams from Wales. (S) (HD)

9.00 New. Canada's Drag Race

5/9 Series 4. The queens impersonate their favourite celebrities. A box set of previous series is on iPlayer. (S) (HD)

10.00 21 Bridges ★★ ★★

P Crime thriller with Chadwick Boseman and Sienna Miller. The murder of two New York cops sees detective Andre Davis brought in to catch the killers. Available on iPlayer for 30 days. Review page 109. Director Brian Kirk (2019, 15) (S) (W) (HD)

11.35 Bad Education: a Christmas Carol

Stephen is visited by the ghost of Alfie Wickers. See choice, page 83. Shown Wednesday 9pm (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Some Girls: double bill (S) (AD) (HD)

1.05 The Rap Game UK (S) (HD) **2.05** The Fast and the Farmer-ish (S) (HD) **2.15** as 11.35pm

2.45-3.45am Some Girls (S) (SL) (AD) (HD)

BBC3 F'view 23/HD 107 (not Scot/Wales) F'sat 179/HD 107 Sky 115 (117 Wales; 121 Scotland) Virgin 107 (157 Scotland/Wales)

ITV2

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6.00am CITV (HD) **9.00** Totally Bonkers

Guinness World Records (S) (HD) **10.00** Secret Crush (S) (HD) **11.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD)

12 noon Dinner Date (S) (HD) **1.00pm** Family Fortunes: Celebrity Christmas Special (S) (HD)

2.00 Supermarket Sweep (S) (HD) **3.00**

Secret Crush (S) (HD) **4.00** Dress to Impress (S) (HD) **5.00** Dinner Date (S) (HD)

6.00pm **Celebrity Catchphrase**

With guests Roisin Conaty, Rickie Haywood-Williams and Sunetra Sarker. (S) (AD) (HD)

7.00 Family Fortunes The Quinns go up

against the Edwards family. (S) (HD)

8.00 Bob's Burgers Series 8. Gene is

invited to his first sleepover. (S) (AD) (HD)

8.30 Bob and Linda's double-date plans

take a disastrous turn. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 FILM We're the Millers ★★ ★★

Comedy starring Jennifer Aniston and Jason Sudeikis. In order to repay a debt to his drug supplier, small-time pot dealer David Clark agrees to smuggle a shipment of marijuana across the Mexican border. To carry out the deception, David recruits a stripper and two teenagers to pose as his family. (S) (AD) (W) (HD) **11.15 Family Guy** Series 12. Peter goes on a quest to save Quahog's annual Christmas carnival from cancellation. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.45 Series 18. Peter is grounded by Lois

after secretly overspending on a credit card.

Planning a perfect escape, he builds a tunnel

directly to the local bar. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.15am American Dadt: double bill (S) (AD) (HD)

1.15 CelebAbility: hosted by Iain Stirling (S) (HD)

1.55 Unwind (S) (HD) **5.10-6.00am** Totally Bonkers

Guinness World Records: double bill (S) (HD)

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ITV3

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Agatha Christie's Marple 8.00pm
Palgrave (Oliver Ford Davies) is in peril

6.00am Classic Emmerdale (S) **7.05** Classic

Coronation Street (S) (AD) **8.10** Never the

Twin: double bill. Simon decides to make

peace with Oliver; **8.40** The duo visit an

antiques fair (S) **9.15** Wild at Heart: **11/11**

Series 7. Wild at Heart Christmas Special

A trip to the doctor brings devastating news

for Du Plessis. Repeated 12.05am (S) (AD) (HD)

11.15 Maigret: **3/6** Series 2. Maigret on the

Defensive. A mystery woman makes an

accusation against Maigret (S) (AD)

12.25pm Heartbeat: **10/15.** Nick goes under

cover (S) (AD) **1.35** Classic Emmerdale:

double bill. Alan is taken to hospital, then the

Dingles' party is enlivened by the arrival of

Zak's arch-rival (S) **2.40** Classic Coronation

Street: double bill. Rita suffers unexpected

humiliation, then she puts on a brave face (S)

(AD) **3.45** Midsomer Murders: Series 14

Death in the Slow Lane. Barnaby is invited to

a classic-car show. When a local DJ is killed

at the event, Barnaby discovers that secrets

and deception are never far away. (S) (AD) (HD)

5.40pm **Downton Abbey**

3/9 Series 2. O'Brien manipulates the

return of Thomas to Downton, which is

being prepared as a convalescent home

for wounded officers. (S) (AD) (HD)

6.55 **Heartbeat**

11/15 Series 5. A woman seeks justice

when her husband suffers a fatal heart

attack after confronting a burglar. (S) (AD)

8.00 **Agatha Christie's Marple**

A Caribbean Mystery. Miss Marple's stay

at a hotel on the idyllic island of St

Honoré is disrupted by the suspicious

death of another guest. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 **Grantchester**

3/6 Series 7. When a vagrant is found dead,

Geordie believes the murder could be

connected to two unsolved cases. (S) (AD) (HD)

11.05 4/6. A member of Will's congregation

is found murdered, and secrets emerge

that make Will question how well he really

knows any of his parishioners. (S) (AD) (HD)

12.05am Wild at Heart Shown 9.15am (S) (AD)

(HD) **2.05-2.30am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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6.00am Dramatic Finishes (S) (HD) **6.05**

Minder (S) (SL) (AD) **7.10** The Sweeney (S) (SL)

8.15 The Champions (S) **9.20** Robin of

Sherwood (S) **10.20** Magnum, PI (S) (HD)

11.25pm BattleBots: Hydra vs Bronco (S) (HD)

12.25pm Made in Britain (S) (AD) (HD)

1.00 **LIVE** Racing: Ed Chamberlin presents

coverage of the Christmas meeting from

Cheltenham, plus action from Bangor (S) (HD)

4.00 The Sweeney (S) **5.05** Minder (S) (AD)

6.05pm **BattleBots** A surprising twist

blows the competition wide open. (S) (HD)

7.00 **The Best of Saint and Greavsie**

Jimmy Greaves's return to AC Milan. (S) (HD)

8.00 **The Chase** **Celebrity Special** Sports

broadcaster Jacqui Oatley, radio DJ Dev

Griffin, darts player Fallon Sherrock and

comedian Johnny Vegas take part. (S) (HD)

9.00 **The 1% Club** Lee Mack hosts as

another 100 contestants strive for the

chance to win £100,000. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 **All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite**

Action from the world of wrestling. (S) (HD)

12.10am River Monsters (S) (HD) **1.10** Extreme

Salvage Squad (S) (HD) **2.10** The Protectors (S)

(SL) (HD) **2.40-3.00am** Unwind (S) (HD)

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Drama

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Father Brown 8.00pm The sleuthing priest finds himself under suspicion

7.10am All Creatures Great and Small

Repeated 4.10pm (S) **8.00** Doctors: double bill.

Marc returns to work, then seeks a shoulder

to cry on **9.20** Classic Holby City: Sacha

gives Zosia the chance to prove herself with

a psychiatrically vulnerable patient Repeated

2.50am (S) (HD) **10.40** Casualty: Baz has to

defuse a potentially explosive situation

11.50 The Bill: Kerry goes missing

12.50pm Classic EastEnders: double bill.

Den finds himself ostracised by his closest

allies, then Den crosses a line **2.05** Pie in

the Sky: **7/8** Series 5. Henry investigates

a friend's disappearance; **3.10 8/8.** Crabbe

loses his sense of smell (S) **4.10** All Creatures

Great and Small: **7/12** Series 6. The New

World. Siegfried decides to update the

practice Show 7.10am **5.25** The Upper Hand:

8/14 Series 6. Charlie considers moving house

6.00pm **Last of the Summer Wine**

Series 15. Welcome to Earth. A man is

waiting for visitors from outer space. (S)

6.40 Series 24. **The Man Who Invented**

Yorkshire Funny Stuff. Marina buys

a lifelike gorilla for Howard. (S)

7.20 **The Second Husband and the**

Showgirls. Truly discovers his ex-wife's

new husband is coming to town. (S)

8.00 **Father Brown**

6/15 Series 5. **The Eagle and the Daw**

An old foe tells the priest she has arranged

the death of her former lover. (S) (AD) (HD)

9.00 7/15. The Smallest of Things

The sleuthing priest investigates the world

of doll's-house crime scenes. (S) (AD) (HD)

10.00 **New Tricks**

7/8 Series 3. **Ice-Cream Wars.** The team

attempts to track down an armed robber

who targeted the vans of two feuding ice

cream manufacturers in the 1990s. (S) (AD)

11.20 **Silent Witness**

Ep 5 Series 24. **Matters of Life and Death**

Nikki's students make an alarming

discovery while dissecting a body. (S) (AD) (HD)

1.40am The Paradise: **5/8.** Moray is keen

to expand the store (HD) **2.50-4.00am**

Classic Holby City Shown 9.20am (SL)

Drama Freeview 20 Freesat 158 Sky 143 Virgin 116

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More4

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Astrid: Murder in Paris 9.00pm
A palaeontologist is found dead

8.55am Kirstie's Vintage Gems **9.15** A Place in the Sun: Home or Away **10.05** A New Life in the Sun: Where Are They Now? **11.05** Find It, Fix It, Flop It: double bill **1.10pm** Car SOS (AD) **2.10** Kirstie and Phil's Love It or List It (AD) **3.10** Four in a Bed **5.50** The Yorkshire Dales and the Lakes (AD) **6.55pm** **Escape to the Château** Dick has set himself the task of creating a fitness trail in the château's 12-acre grounds. (AD) **7.55** **Grand Designs** Entrepreneur Paul and his wife Amy set to work building a huge new home on their 16-acre plot in Lincolnshire. The house will consist of five circular buildings made up of interlocking timber cylinders. (AD) **9.00** **Astrid: Murder in Paris** Described as an oddball by colleagues, a palaeontologist is found dead in the Natural History Museum. But why is she there when the conclusion is death by drowning? French + subtitles. **10.05** **24 Hours in A&E** Emergency consultant Ahmed rushes to save the life of a woman who has an abdominal aortic aneurysm. Meanwhile, Aydigul, 38, has suspected sepsis following major surgery. (AD) **11.10** The medical team orders urgent CT scans for 40-year-old Tania when she arrives with life-threatening injuries after being knocked over while crossing a road. (AD) **12.15am** Eight out of Ten Cats Does Countdown: Sarah Millican and Nish Kumar take on Jon Richardson and Maisie Adam **1.20** 24 Hours in A&E (AD) **3.25-3.55am** A Place in the Sun

More4 F'view 18 F'sat 124 Sky 136 (137 Scotland) Virgin 147 **+1** Freesat 125 Sky 236 (237 Scot) Virgin 347

E4

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6.00am Hollyoaks Shown Tue/Wed (AD) **7.00** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **8.00** Baby Daddy **9.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **10.00** The Big Bang Theory (AD) **11.00** The Goldbergs (AD) **12 noon** The Big Bang Theory: four episodes (AD) **2.00pm** The Goldbergs (AD) **3.00** Modern Family **4.00** Brooklyn Nine-Nine (AD) **5.00** The Big Bang Theory: double bill (AD) **6.00pm** **The Big Bang Theory** 3/24 Series 7 The friends compete in a scavenger hunt. (AD) **6.30** 4/24. Amy spoils one of Sheldon's favourite films by pointing out a plot hole. (AD) **7.00** **Hollyoaks** John Paul tries to help Carter. Repeated next Tuesday (AD) **7.30** **Young Sheldon** 11/22 Series 5. Sheldon acts as Mary's spy during a youth lock-in. (AD) **8.00** **Modern Family** 20/24 Series 1. Jay and Phil compete for the job of coach. **8.30** 21/24. Grandpa Dunphy pays a surprise visit. Both episodes first shown on Sky Showcase **9.00** **FILM** **Mission: Impossible - Fallout** ***** Action spy thriller starring Tom Cruise. Ethan Hunt is targeted by a CIA assassin who could derail the IMF for good. Shown Sun 9pm (AD) **11.55** **Naked Attraction** Singletons from London and Wigan choose dates. (AD) **1.00am** A musician is looking for love. (AD) **2.00** Married at First Sight Australia **3.20** Below Deck Sailing Yacht (AD) **4.10** How I Met Your Mother (AD) **5.00-6.00am** The Neighborhood **E4** Freeview 13 Freesat 122 Sky 135 (136 Scot) Virgin 106 **+1** Freeview 30 Freesat 123 Sky 235 (236 Scot) Virgin 306 **E4 Extra** F'view 31 F'sat 126 Sky 138 (139 Scot) Virgin 144

Really

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6.00am Fantasy Homes by the Sea **7.00** Shopping **8.00** Salvage Hunters **10.00** Yorkshire Auction House **11.00** Antiques Road Trip **12 noon** Money for Nothing **1.00pm** A Place in the Sun **2.00** My 600lb Life **4.00** Animal Cops Miami (AD) **5.00** Helicopter ER **6.00** Celebrity Yorkshire Auction House **7.00** Antiques Road Trip **9.00** Paranormal: Caught on Camera **10.00** **New**. A Ghost Ruined My Life **11.00** Ghost Adventures **12 midnight** Portals to Hell **1.00am** Ghost Adventures **2.00** Shopping **4.00** as 4pm **5.00-6.00am** Salvage Hunters **Really** Freeview 17 Freesat 161 Sky 142 Virgin 128

Sky Arts

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Simon and Garfunkel: the Harmony Game 9.20pm The duo's career

6.00am Tosca: Orchester der Wiener Staatsoper **8.10** The Joy of Painting **9.10** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **10.10** Alfred Hitchcock Presents **11.10** Discovering: John Mills **12 noon** The Joy of Painting **1.00pm** Tales of the Unexpected (AD) **2.00** Classic Literature and Cinema: adaptations of myths and legends (AD) **3.00** Heworth **4.00** Discovering: Michelle Yeoh **5.00** The Joy of Painting **6.00pm** **Tales of the Unexpected** A woman tries to get hold of her inheritance. (AD) **6.30** A man learns his recently deceased father owed a large amount of money. (AD) **7.00** **Alfred Hitchcock Presents** An elderly woman is suspected of murdering her cruel husband and her childhood companion attempts to cover up evidence against her. **7.30** In 1817 London, a silk petticoat reveals the unsavoury side of a newly-married man. **8.00** **Paul Simon: Live at Hyde Park** The American singer/songwriter performs a career-spanning set at the 2012 Hard Rock Calling festival in London's Hyde Park. **9.20** **Simon and Garfunkel: the Harmony Game** The making of the duo's 1970 album *Bridge over Troubled Water*, a creative high point in the influential duo's career. **10.55** **The Doors Live at the Hollywood Bowl '68** A performance by the band. **12.25am** Classic Albums **1.25** Santana: Greatest Hits Live at Montreux **3.05** Berlin Live: Eric Burdon and the Animals **4.30** Discovering: Pink Floyd **5.00-6.00am** The South Bank Show **Sky Arts** Freeview 36 Freesat 147 Sky 130 (131 Scotland) Virgin 140/HD 123 EE 350/HD 365

4seven

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9.00am Come Dine with Me **11.30** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas: gingerbread (AD) **1.30pm** A Place in the Sun **2.30** Come Dine with Me (AD) **5.00** Château DIY (AD) **6.00pm** **A Place in the Sun** Craig Rowe helps a photographer find a holiday home. **7.00** **Jamie's Christmas Shortcuts** 1/2 Jamie Oliver shares ideas and shortcuts that save time and money while still delivering a sensational seasonal spread. **See choice, p62**. Shown Monday 8pm Channel 4 (AD) **8.00** **Jamie's Easy Christmas** 2/2 Jamie Oliver makes a salmon gravadlax starter, and demonstrates new ways to cook the turkey, roast potatoes and brussels sprouts. Shown 1.10pm Channel 4 (AD) **9.00** **24 Hours in A&E** A 75-year-old man who fell out of bed is suspected of having a stroke. Doctors have only a short window of time to administer a clot-busting drug. (AD) **10.00** **24 Hours in Police Custody** Documentary series following the work of Bedfordshire Police. Shown Sunday 9pm C4 **11.05** **Celebrity Gogglebox** Famous faces appraise the week's television. (AD) **12.10am** Gogglebox (AD) **1.15** Gogglebox Festive Special (AD) **2.50** Gogglebox (AD) **4.15-4.35am** Kirstie's Handmade Christmas

4seven F'view 49 F'sat 127 Sky 137 (138 Scot) Virgin 143

Quest

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6.00am How Do They Do It? **6.30** **New**. Shed and Buried: Best Bits **7.00** The Repair Shop **8.00** American Pickers **10.00** Chasing Classic Cars **11.00** Outback Car Hunters **12 noon** How Do They Do It? **1.00pm** Money for Nothing **2.00** The Repair Shop **3.00** Find It, Fix It, Flop It **4.00** Salvage Hunters **5.00** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers **6.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **7.00** Aussie Gold Hunters **8.00** Salvage Hunters **9.00** **New**. Minute by Minute: Emergency **10.00** **New**. Border Control Sweden **11.00** How Do They Do It? **12 midnight** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **1.00am** Cornwall Air 999 **2.00** Chasing Classic Cars **3.00** Outback Car Hunters **4.00-5.00am** How It's Made **Quest** Freeview 12 Freesat 172/HD 167 Sky 144 Virgin 137 **+1** Freeview 70 Freesat 168 Sky 244 Virgin 337

Yesterday

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Secrets of the London Underground 8.00pm Siddy visits Quainton Road

6.10am Underground Worlds: double bill **8.00** Abandoned Engineering (AD) **10.00** The World at War **11.00** Nazi Hunters **12 noon** Great Continental Railway Journeys **1.00pm** Antiques Roadshow **2.00** Bangers and Cash **4.00** Nazi Hunters **5.00** The World at War: the fall of the Third Reich **6.00pm** **Great Continental Railway Journeys** Michael Portillo explores Italy, taking in Pisa, Carrara, Bologna and Lake Garda. **7.00** **Antiques Roadshow** in Harrogate, Phillip Mould examines an ink drawing that he believes may have been made by Picasso. **8.00** **Secrets of the London Underground** Visiting Quainton Road in Buckinghamshire, which was once part of the underground. (AD) **9.00** **Bangers and Cash** Three rare Alvises arrive for the auction, along with a Chevrolet Corvette that has travelled from Saudi Arabia. **10.00** Dave gets a nasty surprise when he opens the bonnet of a fast 1980s Ford, and an Austin Heavy 12 sets off a bidding war. **11.00** **Abandoned Engineering** Exploring a mountainside refuge in Georgia. (AD) **12 midnight** Great British Railway Journeys **1.00am** Underground Worlds **2.00-3.00am** The Architecture of the Railways Built (AD) **Yesterday** Freeview 27 Freesat 159 Sky 155 Virgin 129 **+1** Sky 255 Virgin 329

Dave

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7.10am Mega Air **8.00** Special Ops: Crime Squad UK (AD) **9.00** DIY SOS: Homes for Veterans **10.00** Outback Pilots **11.00** The Hair Bikers' Asian Adventure **12 noon** Celebrity Storage Hunters **2.00pm** Top Gear (AD) **5.00** The Hair Bikers' Asian Adventure **6.00pm** **Rick Stein's Road to Mexico** The chef travels through Mexico City and Oaxaca. **7.00** **Richard Osman's House of Games** With guests Rickie Haywood-Williams, Sally Phillips, Vikki Stone and Dan Walker. **7.40** Jay Blades, Shaun Keaveny, Rachel Parris and Jan Ravens take part. **8.20** **Q1** With guests Johnny Vegas, David Mitchell, Rob Brydon and Alan Davies. **9.00** **Q1 XL** Sarah Millican, Tommy Tiernan and Josh Widdicombe join the regulars. **9.40** **FILM** **Traffic** ***** Michael Douglas, Benicio Del Toro and Catherine Zeta-Jones star in Steven Soderbergh's multilayered crime drama that shows how disparate lives in the USA and Mexico are interconnected through the drugs trade. English, Spanish + subtitles. **Film of the Day: page 109**. (W) **12.50am** Would I Lie to You? **1.30** Richard Osman's House of Games **2.05** Meet the Richardsons (AD) **3.20-4.00am** Sneakerhead (AD) **Dave** F'view 19 F'sat 157 Sky 111 (112 Wales) Virgin HD 127 **Dave Ja Vu** Freeview 57 Sky 211 (212 Wales) Virgin 327

Sky Mix

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7.00am Border Security: America's Front Line **8.00** Nothing to Declare (AD) **9.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **10.00** UK Border Force **11.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **12 noon** Motorway Patrol (AD) **1.00pm** Border Patrol **2.00** Border Security: America's Front Line **3.00** Nothing to Declare **4.00** Stargate Atlantis **5.00** Stargate SG-1: Teal'c returns to his old self **6.00pm** Star Trek: Enterprise **7.00** Star Trek: Voyager: a crew member enters his mating phase **8.00** Caught on Dashcam (AD) **9.00** **New**. True Detective: Cohle and Hart finally encounter the scarred man. First shown on Sky Atlantic (AD) **10.10** Mark of a Serial Killer **11.05** Britain's Most Evil Killers **12.05am** World's Most Evil Killers: Richard Chase **1.00** The Force: North East **2.00** Road Wars **3.00** Highway Patrol (AD) **4.00** Motorway Patrol (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Highway Cops: double bill **Sky Mix** Freeview 11 Freesat 144 Sky 151 Virgin 135

5 USA

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9.00am NCIS (AD) **10.55** Entertainment News **11.00** NCIS (AD) **12 noon** Law & Order **2.55pm** Entertainment News **3.00** Law & Order: three back-to-back episodes **6.00pm** NCIS: four episodes (AD) **10.00** Law & Order: Special Victims Unit Series 11. Four episodes. A rape case becomes complicated when past pictures of the 15-year-old victim are leaked **11.00** A biker is gruesomely murdered in Central Park **11.55** Series 10. Benson and Stabler investigate an apparent case of sexual assault **12.55am** A rollerblader stumbles across a corpse **1.50** Blue Bloods: double bill **3.35-4.00am** Criminals: Caught on Camera: in west London **5 USA** F'view 21 F'sat 129 Sky 141 Virgin 120 (162 Scot) **+1** Freesat 130 Sky 241 Virgin 320

5 Star

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8.00am Entertainment News **8.05** Bargain-Loving Brits in the Sun **10.05** GPs: behind Closed Doors (AD) **12.05pm** Traffic Cops **2.05** Police Interceptors: triple bill (AD) **5.10pm** **FILM** Good Morning Christmas! ***** Romance starring Alison Sweeney **7.00** GPs: behind Closed Doors A man is encouraged to cut back on the 60-hour weeks he regularly works. (AD) **8.00** **Car Pound Cops** Cameras follow the work of vehicle recovery crews. **9.00** **FILM** **The Hangover Part III** ***** Comedy starring Bradley Cooper. History repeats itself for the Wolfpack when one of their group is kidnapped. **Review p109**. **11.10** **FILM** **Billy Madison** ***** Comedy starring Adam Sandler. When his father announces that he's relinquishing control of the family's hotel chain, spoiled rich kid Billy Madison faces an ultimatum - repeat his twelve school grades successfully in six months, or lose the business. **1.00am** Ambulance: Code Red (AD) **2.00** Revenge **2.50-3.00am** Entertainment News **5 Star** Freeview 32 Freesat 131 Sky 128 (129 Scotland) Virgin 126 **+1** Freesat 141 Sky 228 (229 Scot) Virgin 326

5 Action

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9.00am Criminals: Caught on Camera **9.30** Trucking Hell: a 14-ton road sweeper needs to be recovered **10.30** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **11.30** Police Interceptors **12.35pm** **FILM** The Cimarron Kid ***** Western starring Audie Murphy **2.20** **FILM** Sugarfoot ***** Western starring Randolph Scott **4.00** Trucking Hell **5.00** Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders **6.00pm** **Police Interceptors** A routine check on a car uncovers a case of suspected drug dealing, and three men are arrested. **7.00** Craggy has an encounter with a polecat. **8.00** **Motorway Cops: Catching Britain's Speeders** PCs Matt Turner and Ian Cosgrove head to the scene of a collision in Middlewich. **9.00** **Police: Suspect No 1** An altercation leads to a man fighting for his life. **10.00** **Police: Night Shift** 999 Following Gloucestershire police officers keeping the peace during the night shift, beginning as they deal with trouble from race-goers. **11.00** **Criminals: Caught on Camera** Cameras catch Britain on the brink. **12 midnight-3.00am** Ultimate Police Interceptors **5 Action** Freeview 33 Freesat 132 Sky 150 Virgin 130

5 Select

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9.00am Cash in the Attic (AD) **11.00** The Yorkshire Vet **12 noon** **FILM** Much Ado about Christmas ***** **1.50pm** Entertainment News **2.00** The Yorkshire Vet **3.55** Entertainment News **4.00** The Highland Vet **5.00** Ben Fogle: New Lives in the Wild **6.00pm** **World War I in Colour** In 1918, bugles are blown, marking the armistice. **7.00** **The Hunt for Hitler's Missing Millions** **8.00** **Endurance: Race to the Pole** with Ben Fogle Ben and Dwayne Fields re-enact 20th-century expeditions to the South Pole. **9.00** Ernest Shackleton's Nimrod expedition. **10.00** The Terra Nova expedition of 1910-13. **11.00** **History's Greatest Ships: Ancient Engineering** The construction of ancient ships. **12 midnight** Forged in Fire **1.55am** Nazi Megastructures: the occupation and fortification of Norway **2.55-3.00am** Entertainment News **5 Select** F'view (HD only) 46 F'sat 133 Sky 153 Virgin 138

FREEVIEW TV and film channels continue overleaf

FRIDAY Freeview & films

W 25



Ski A&E 10.00pm A 14-year-old boy has disappeared

6.10am Nigel Slater's Simple Cooking
7.00 Wedding Valley (AD) **8.00** Tipping Point **10.00** DIY SOS: The Big Build **12 noon** DIY SOS: Million Pound Build for Children in Need **1.00pm** Tipping Point: Lucky Stars **3.00** The Weakest Link **4.00** My Dream Home

6.00pm Property Brothers: Forever Homes A family in Las Vegas takes time to heal. (AD)

7.00 DIY SOS: The Big Build Adapting the home of a woman who was paralysed in an accident.

8.00 Inside the Ambulance at Christmas A man has collapsed.

9.00 24 Hours in A&E A man has a suspected stroke.

10.00 Ski A&E A 14-year-old boy goes missing after skiing off-piste.

11.00 Gavin & Stacey The newlyweds argue at a bowling alley.
11.40 Bryn tries to organise a surprise for Gwen's birthday.

12.20am Gavin & Stacey (AD) **1.40** One Born Every Minute **2.30-3.00am** Inside the Ambulance

W F View 25 **F**sat 156 **Sky** 132 (133 Scotland) **Virgin** 125 **+1** **Sky** 232 (233 Scotland) **Virgin** 325

HGTV 44

7.00am The Saved and Remade Workshop **8.00 New.** Best in Miniature **9.00** A Place in the Sun **10.00** Escape to the Country **11.00** Your Garden Made Perfect **12 noon** The Saved and Remade Workshop **1.00pm** Bargain Mansions **2.00** Flip or Flop **3.00** Best in Miniature **4.00** Escape to the Country **5.00** The Saved and Remade Workshop **6.00pm** Salvage Hunters: the Restorers (AD) **7.00** Money for Nothing **8.00** Rock the Block: the designers finish the remaining rooms **9.00** My Lottery Dream Home: Holiday Special **10.00** My Lottery Dream Home **11.00** Bargain Mansions **12 midnight** Your Garden Made Perfect **1.00am** The Saved and Remade Workshop **2.00** Best in Miniature **3.00-4.00am** My Lottery Dream Home
HGTV F View 44 **F**sat 166 **Sky** 158 **Virgin** 191 **+1** **Sky** 258 **Virgin** 391

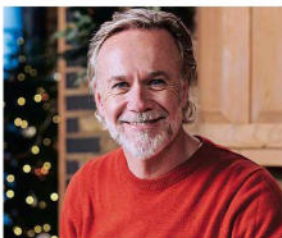
London Live 8

Available in London area only. Other regional stations are available on Freeview 7 or 8

6.00am Griff's Great Australian Adventure **7.00** Shine On Harvey Moon **8.00** Never the Twin **8.30** After Henry **9.00** Carluccio's Six Seasons **10.00** Castle Builders **11.00** A Bit of a Do **12.15pm** Ainsley's Gourmet Express **1.00 FILM** A Place of One's Own **★ ★ ★** Supernatural drama (BW) **3.00 FILM** Candlelight in Algeria **★ ★ ★** (BW) **4.45** London Districts **5.00** The Story of the London Underground **6.00** London Live News **7.00** Monkey **8.00** The Hairy Bikers' Pubs That Built Britain **8.45** Big City Life **9.00** Murder in Suburbia **10.00** Cambridge Spies **11.15** Stories from the Blitz **12.50am** Dangerous Davies: the Last Detective **3.05** London Districts **3.30** News **5.00-6.00am** Talking Points
London Live F View 8 **Sky** 117 **Virgin** HD 159

FREEVIEW channels continued from overleaf

Food Network 43



Marcus Wareing at Christmas 7.00pm Festive showstoppers

6.00am Valerie's Home Cooking **7.00** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **8.00** The Great British Bake Off **9.30** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **10.00** Rachel Allen's Christmas Cake Diaries **10.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas **11.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love **12 noon** The Pioneer Woman **12.30pm** Valerie's Home Cooking **1.00** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **1.30** Rachel Allen's Christmas Cake Diaries **2.00** The Great British Bake Off **3.30** Rachel Allen's Everyday Kitchen at Christmas **4.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **5.30** The Great British Bake Off **7.00pm New.** Marcus Wareing at Christmas **7.30** Rachel Allen's Christmas Cake Diaries **8.00** Ainsley's Festive Food We Love **9.00** The Great British Christmas Menu **10.30** Jamie's Family Christmas **11.00 New.** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **12 midnight** Beat Bobby Flay: Holiday Throwdown **1.00am** James Martin: Home Comforts at Christmas (AD) **2.00-3.00am** Cake Wars: Christmas
Food Network F View 43 **F**sat 148 **Sky** 140 (141 Scot) **Virgin** 190 **+1** **F**sat 149 **Sky** 240 (241 Scot)

Great TV 50

8.00am Diagnosis Murder **9.00** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **11.00** Castle **1.00pm** Sue Thomas: F.B.Eye **3.00** Diagnosis Murder **5.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** M*A*S*H **9.00** Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased): Jeff and Marty investigate a crooked gambling club **10.00** The Persuaders! **11.00** Return of the Saint: a face from the past haunts Randall and Hopkirk (Deceased) **3.00** The Persuaders! **3.50** Movie News **4.00** Highway to Heaven **4.50-5.00am** Movie News
Great TV Freeview 50 (limited) **Freesat** 142 **Sky** 157 **Virgin** 170 **+1** **Freesat** 143 **Sky** 257

True Crime Xtra 68

9.00am Medical Detectives **11.00** Written in Blood **1.00pm** A Stranger in My Home **3.00** Medical Detectives **5.00** Written in Blood: two editions. The case of "Casanova Killer" Paul John Knowles, then the murder of 16-year-old Collette Aram in 1983 **7.00** Judge Judy: real-life small-claims cases on issues affecting family life **1.00am** Written in Blood **3.00** A Stranger in My Home **5.00-6.00am** Medical Detectives: two editions
True Crime Xtra Freeview 68 **Freesat** 134 **Sky** 147 **Virgin** 172

BBC Parliament 232

7.00am Westminster Hall: House of Commons proceedings **10.00** Live House of Lords: proceedings in the House of Lords **3.00pm** Select Committees: coverage of the work of committees set up to investigate public policy and society **9.00** Scottish First Minister's Questions: questions in the Scottish Parliament to Humza Yousaf **9.45** Scottish Parliament **1.45-6.00am** Senedd Cymru: Welsh Parliament
BBC Parliament Freeview 232 **Freesat** 201 **Sky** 504 **Virgin** 605

PBS America 84



Kokoda: the Spirit Lives 8.45pm Patrick Lindsay

6.00am Plane Crash Re-created **6.55** Jazz **8.00** Beautiful Serengeti **8.45** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **9.45** Hadrian **11.05** Kokoda: the Spirit Lives **1.00pm** Hellfire: Battle for Cobargo **2.00** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **3.05** Hadrian **4.25** Kokoda: the Spirit Lives
6.25pm Vikings: the Rise and Fall 1/6. The Vikings' beginnings in Scandinavia and the attack on Lindisfarne that heralded the start of the Viking Age.

7.30 Hadrian Dan Snow assesses the life of the Roman emperor, exploring his work as a peace-maker, frontier-builder and architect.

8.45 Kokoda: the Spirit Lives Patrick Lindsay delves into the history of the Kokoda Campaign.

10.45 Hadrian As 7.30pm.

12 midnight Kokoda: the Spirit Lives **2.00am** Vikings: the Rise and Fall **2.45** Hellfire: Battle for Cobargo **3.35** Plane Crash Re-created **4.30** Jazz **5.35-6.00am** Beautiful Serengeti

PBS America F View 84 (1pm-12 midnight only) **Freesat** 155 **Sky** 174 **Virgin** 187

Blaze 64

6.00am Hardcore Pawn **7.20** Rust Valley Restorers **8.15** Ancient Aliens **10.10** Hunting Nazi Treasure **11.10** Digging for Britain **12.10pm** The Proof is Out There **1.05** Pawn Stars **2.05** Container Wars **2.35** Hardcore Pawn **4.00** Ancient Aliens **6.00** Rust Valley Restorers **7.00** Storage Wars **7.30 New.** Container Wars **8.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **9.00 New.** Hitler's Mega Plane: a Messerschmidt "Gigant", the biggest aircraft to fly in the Second World War **10.00 New series.** Combat Ships: the role ships have played in international conflict over the past 500 years **11.00** Ancient Superstitions **12 midnight** Hunting Nazi Treasure **1.00am** Digging for Britain **3.00** Dickinson's Real Deal **3.45** Storage Wars **4.10** Air Crash: Disasters Uncovered **5.00-6.00am** Pawn Stars
Blaze F View 64 **F**sat 162 **Sky** 164 **Virgin** 174

Challenge 48

7.00am The Chase **10.00** Cash in the Attic **11.00** Bargain Hunt **12 noon** Wheel of Fortune (AD) **1.00pm** Tenable **2.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Classic **3.00** Cash in the Attic **4.00** Bargain Hunt **5.00** Bullseye: double bill **6.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire Classic: Chris Tarrant hosts the big-prize quiz **7.00** Weakest Link: Anne Robinson hosts the quick-fire general knowledge quiz **8.00** The Chase: double bill of the quiz show, hosted by Bradley Walsh **10.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **11.00** Tenable: five schoolfriends from Dover answer questions about top-ten lists in the quiz hosted by Warwick Davis **12 midnight** Weakest Link **1.00am** Cash Trapped **2.00** The Chase **4.00** Who Wants to Be a Millionaire? (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Bullseye: double bill
Challenge Freeview 48 **Freesat** 146 **Sky** 145 **Virgin** 139

CHILDREN'S

Milkshake! on C5

5.50am Pip and Posy **6.00 New.** Milkshake! News **6.10** Milkshake! Badgers: Their Secret World **6.15** Sunny Bunnies **6.20** Peppa Pig **6.25** Oggy Oggy **6.35** Odo **6.40** Tweedy & Fluff **6.45** Fireman Sam **6.55** Thomas & Friends: All Engines Go! **7.10** Peppa Pig **7.20** Paw Patrol **7.35** Pip and Posy **7.40** Paddington **7.55 New.** Animal Care Club **8.15 New.** Milo **8.30** Paw Patrol **8.45** Chip and Potato **8.55** Peppa Pig **9.05-9.15am New.** Jen's Jolly Bakes
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CBeebies 202

6.00am Colourblocks **6.05** Vegosaurs **6.10** Bing **6.20** Teletubbies **6.35** Tee and Mo **6.40** Chuggington **6.50** Bing **7.00** Colourblocks **7.05** Hey Duggee **7.20** Bluey **7.40** Go Jetters **7.50** Peter Rabbit **8.05** Octonauts **8.15** Peter Rabbit's Christmas Tale **8.40** Numberblocks **8.45** Alphablocks **8.50** Nick Popcat's Popcast **8.55** Small Potatoes **9.00** Bing **9.10** Yakka Dee! **9.15** Love Monster **9.20** Diddap **9.25** Colourblocks **9.30** Twirlywoos **9.45** Something Special **10.08** My Petsaurus **10.10** Teletubbies **10.25** The Toddler Club **10.35** Tiny Wonders **10.40 New.** Olga Da Polya **10.50** Gecko's Garage **10.55** Bluey **11.05** Supertato **11.10** Let's Go for a Walk **11.25** Nick Cope's Popcast: Elf **11.30** Teeny Tiny Creatures **11.45** Our Family **12 noon** Big Cook Little Cook **12.20pm** Waffle the Wonder Dog **12.30** Get Well Soon **12.40** Andy's Safari Adventures **1.00** Yakka Dee! **1.05** Numberblocks **1.10** Alphablocks **1.15** Hey Duggee **1.25** Love Monster **1.35** Colourblocks **1.45** Something Special: a Magical Christmas **2.10** Teletubbies **2.25** Supertato **2.35** Go Jetters **2.45** Maddy's Do You Know? **3.00** Andy's Safari Adventures **3.10** Our Family **3.15 New.** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest **3.30** Love Monster **3.40** Hey Duggee **3.45** Peter Rabbit **4.00 New.** Dog Squad **4.10** Ranger Hamza's Eco Quest Minis **4.15** The Game Catchers **4.25** Bluey **4.40** Supertato **4.45** Go Jetters **5.00** Molly and Mack **5.20** Mr Bear's Christmas **5.35** JoJo & Gran Gran **5.45** Moon and Me **6.10** Clangers **6.20** In the Night Garden... **6.50-7.00pm** Bedtime Stories
CBeebies F View 202 **F**sat 608 **Sky** 608 **Virgin** 702

CBBC 201

7.00am Shaun the Sheep **7.05** Danger Mouse **7.20** Dennis & Gnasher **7.35** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **7.45 New.** Newsround **7.55** Grizzly and the Lemmings **8.10** Odd Squad **8.25** Monster Loving Maniacs **8.35** Hey You What If? **8.40** Operation Ouch! **9.10** Deadly 60 **9.40** Andy and the Band **9.55** Secret Life of Boys: Farther Christmas **10.00** The Next Step **10.20** What's Cooking Omar? **10.30** Horrible Histories **11.00** Bitesize Daily **11.20** After Life: Rot Boy Detectives **11.30** Our Boarding School **11.55** Danger Mouse **12.15pm** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **12.50** Dennis & Gnasher **1.25** Grizzly and the Lemmings **1.40** Summer Camp Island **1.50** Horrible Histories **2.20** Jamie Johnson FC **2.50** Ooglies **2.55** The Zoo **3.05** The Deep **3.30** Danger Mouse **3.40** Ninja Express **3.55** Taffy **4.00** Grizzly and the Lemmings **4.20** Boy Girl Dog Cat Mouse Cheese **4.30** Monster Loving Maniacs **4.45** Odd Squad **5.00** CHOICE News. Blue Peter See page 102 **5.30-7.00pm FILM** The Boss Baby **★ ★ ★** (W)
CBBC F View 201 **F**sat 607 **Sky** 607 **Virgin** 701

ITV Kids

Streamed on ITVX Kids, plus on ITV2 6am-9.00 and on ITVBe 9am to 12 noon

ITV2
6.00am DC Super Hero Girls **6.10** Teen Titans Go! **6.25** Dodo **6.50** Mr Bean: the Animated Series **7.45** Be Cool, Scooby-Do! **8.35-9.00am** Scooby-Do! and Guess Who?

ITVBe
9.00am Chloe's Closet **9.15** Driftwood Bay **9.25** The Hive **9.35** Bobo **9.45** Claude **10.00** Oddbods **10.10** Ollie **10.15** The Sound Collector **10.25** Sooty **10.40** Pingu in the City **10.50** Bob the Builder **11.15** Teletubbies Let's Go **11.25** Postman Pat **11.45-12 noon** Mumfie

FILMS

Film4 14

11.00am At Gunpoint ★★ Very average western that owes much to *High Noon* in its plotting. Fred MacMurray, Dorothy Malone, Walter Brennan (1955, U) (S) (AD)
12.40pm The Holly and the Ivy ★★ A vicar gathers his family for a startling revelation. **Review, right.** Ralph Richardson (1952, U) (S) (AD)
2.20 Mysterious Island ★★ Enjoyable British fantasy adventure based on novelist Jules Verne's sequel to *20,000 Leagues under the Sea*. Michael Craig, Joan Greenwood (1961, U) (S) (AD)
4.25 The 300 Spartans ★★ Historical adventure about the defence of Thermopylae in 480 BC. Richard Egan, Ralph Richardson (1962, PG) (S)

6.40pm Mission: Impossible 2 ★★ John Woo's crowd-pleasing spy thriller sequel sees super-agent Tom Cruise attempting to retrieve and destroy a deadly virus. (2000, 15) (S) (AD)

9.00 Venom ★★ Stylish but stilted action fantasy. Tom Hardy, Michelle Williams, Riz Ahmed (2018, 15) (S) (AD)

11.10 Weathering With You ★★ Dreamy Japanese animated fantasy about a teenage boy and his relationship with a girl who can control the weather. **Review, right.** (2019, 12) (S) (AD)

1.25-3.20am Days of the Bagnold Summer ★★ Gentle, relatable British comedy drama in which a heavy metal-loving teen is forced to spend the summer in suburbia. Monica Dolan (2019, 12) (S) (AD)

Film4 Freeview 14 **Freesat** 300 **Sky** 313 **Virgin** 428 **+1 F** View 47 **F**sat 301 **Sky** 314 **Virgin** 430

Talking Pictures TV 82

6.00am Forces' Sweetheart ★ Dismally unfunny comedy. Hy Hazell, Harry Secombe (1953, U) (S) **7.30 Bait ★★** Ultra low-budget film noir. Cleo Moore (1954, PG) (S) **9.10 Keep It Clean ★★** A man invents a cleaning machine and sets about trying to market it in this British comedy. Ronald Shiner, James Hayter (1956, U) (S) **10.40 Only Two Can Play ★★** Peter Sellers plays a would-be adulterous librarian in this small-town comedy that deftly makes its points. **Review, right.** Mai Zetterling (1961, PG) (S) **12.50pm Faces in the Dark ★★** Tension-free thriller about a blind man in jeopardy. John Gregson, Mai Zetterling (1960, PG) (S) **2.30 Crown Court** TV drama. (S) **3.00 In Suspicious Circumstances** TV drama. (S) **4.20 The Boy and the Pirates ★★** Standard children's fantasy in which a modern-day boy is transported onto Blackbeard's ship. Charles Herbert, Susan Gordon (1960, U) (S)

6.00pm Worzel Gummidge TV comedy with Jon Pertwee. (S) **6.30 At the Earth's Core ★★** Doug McClure and Peter Cushing encounter all manner of monsters in this adaptation of the Edgar Rice Burroughs's novel. (1976, PG) (S) **8.15 Lost Hearts** TV drama. (S) **9.05 Lifeforce ★★** Laughably bad sci-fi horror. Steve Railsback (1985, 18) (S) **11.25 The Man Who Turned to Stone ★** Sci-fi horror hokum with Victor Jory as a 200-year-old alchemist. (1951, U) (S) **1.00am Harriet Craig ★★** Watchable psychological drama about a domineering woman. Joan Crawford (1950) (S) **2.55 The Man Who Cheated Himself ★★** Routine film noir with Lee J. Cobb, Jane Wyatt, John Dall (1950) (S) **4.35 It Happened Today** Road safety film. **5.00-6.00am Saints and Sinners** TV drama.
Talking Pictures TV Freeview 82 **Freesat** 306 **Sky** 328 **Virgin** 445

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FILM REVIEWS



FILM
OF THE
DAY

Traffic ★★★★★ 9.40pm-12.50am **Dave** 18

CRIME Shot in scintillating docudrama style, Steven Soderbergh's multistranded thriller depicts the complex chain supplying North America's drug culture. On the one hand, there's newly appointed drugs tsar Michael Douglas, who is unaware that his teenage daughter has a serious habit. On the other is drug kingpin Steven Bauer, whom DEA agents Don Cheadle and Luis Guzman are trying to nail. It's wonderfully acted by an amazing cast, including a magnetic Benicio Del Toro (above) as a Mexican cop torn between morality and temptation, and Catherine Zeta-Jones as Bauer's pregnant wife. **ALAN JONES** (US 2000, violence, swearing, drug abuse, HD)

Only Two Can Play ★★★★★ 10.40am-12.50pm
Talking Pictures TV PG

COMEDY Peter Sellers gives an unusually restrained but effective performance here, playing a Welsh librarian whose affections swing between his dispirited wife (Virginia Maskell) and his glamorous wannabe mistress (Mai Zetterling). Richard Attenborough also enjoys a fun role as a flirty poet. **TOM HUTCHINSON** (UK 1961, BW)

The Holly and the Ivy ★★
12.40-2.20pm **Film4** U

DRAMA Ralph Richardson's vicar gathers his grown-up children around him at Christmas, only for the festive spirit to be dampened by a startling revelation. The stage origins of director George More O'Ferrall's seasonal tale are all too obvious, and the outcome is bleaker than you might think. Thankfully, Celia Johnson is on hand like a cosy cardigan to offer some comfort. **TH** (UK 1952, BW, HD)

Burlesque ★★★★★
8.00-10.25pm **ITVBe** 12

MUSICAL There's an innocent sweetness about this showcase for Christina Aguilera's vocal and dance skills that just about excuses its hokiness. She plays an Iowa waitress with showbiz

and Boseman is a magnetic presence. **JEREMY ASPINALL** (US 2019, violence, swearing, HD)

Mud ★★★★★
11.05pm-1.10am **BBC2** 12

DRAMA Two teenage boys encounter a fugitive in this beautifully handled rites-of-passage tale. Matthew McConaughey excels as the wanted man, who asks the lads (Tye Sheridan and Jacob Lofland) for their help so he can find his sweetheart (Reese Witherspoon). This adventure story is exquisitely played and filled with terror and wonder. **TREVOR JOHNSTON** (US 2012, violence, swearing, HD)

Weathering with You ★★★★★
11.10pm-1.25am **Film4** 12

FANTASY A runaway teen is drawn to a young woman who can control the weather in Makoto Shinkai's animated follow-up to *Your Name* (see review, p99), which blends romance, folklore and spirituality – all set to a J-pop soundtrack. The hyper-real depiction of Tokyo and the meteorological mayhem that occurs are brilliantly rendered. **TJ** (Jpn 2019, swearing, HD)

Point Break ★★★★★
11.30pm-1.25am **BBC1**
(starts 12 midnight in Wales, not showing in Ireland) 18

THRILLER Kathryn Bigelow's silly but hugely enjoyable movie stars Keanu Reeves as the young FBI agent who goes under cover as a surfer to infiltrate Patrick Swayze's gang. Ignore all the mystical claptrap and concentrate instead on the remarkable action set pieces, including some exhilarating skydiving and surfing scenes. **JOHN FERGUSON** (US 1991, violence, swearing, drug abuse, nudity, HD)

Sky Cinema picks

Planet 51 ★★★★★ 12.50-2.25pm **Sky Animation**
A familiar alien world. (2009, U) Sky 305; Virgin 412; BT 500/514

San Andreas ★★★★★
6.00-8.00pm **Sky Action**
Dwayne Johnson stars. (2015, 12) Sky 306; Virgin 406; BT 506/520

Scream VI ★★★★★ 10.30pm-12.35am **Sky Best of 2023**
New York horrors. (2023, 18) Sky 302, Virgin 402, BT 502/516

Films to stream from p34
Netflix, Amazon, Disney+ and more

Great Movies 34

9.00am Hidden in Plain Sight ★★ Routine thriller. Victoria Barabas (2018) **10.55 Crimes of the Mind** ★★ Clunky but entertaining crime drama. Christina Cox, Paula Trickey, Tina Ivlev (2014) **1.00pm For the Love of Chocolate** ★★ Sweet romance. Rhiannon Fish, Jesse Hutch (2020) **2.55 Blueprint to the Heart** ★★ Star chemistry saves this romance. Laura Mitchell, Dennis Andres (2019) **4.50 The Good Sister** ★★ A long-lost sibling spells trouble. Sonya Walger (2014) **6.40pm How Do You Know** ★★ Reese Witherspoon is torn between two men in this witty but patchy love-triangle romcom. (2010, 12) **9.00 The Expendables** ★★ Sylvester Stallone and his veteran mercenaries are hired to overthrow a ruthless Latin dictator. (2010, 18) **11.15 Escape Plan 3** ★★ Sly Stallone leads a rescue mission at a prison in this tired action thriller. Dave Bautista, 50 Cent (2019, 15) **1.10am Evil Intent** ★★ Thriller. (2019) **3.00 Wild West Chronicles 4.00-5.40am** An Aurora Teagarden Mystery: Til Death Do Us Part **Great Movies** Freewiew 34 **Freesat** 302 **Sky** 321 **Virgin** 425 **+1 Freewiew** 61 (limited 10pm-5am) **Sky** 322

Great Action 42

8.00am Wild West Chronicles 9.00 The Rough, Tough West ★★ Watchable western. (1952, U) **10.05 The Two-Headed Spy** ★★ A Brit in Berlin finds his under cover career severely tested when the Second World War breaks out. Jack Hawkins (1958, U) **12 noon Wild West Chronicles 1.00pm Two Rode Together** ★★ Well-cast John Ford western. James Stewart, Richard Widmark (1961, PG) **3.15 Ride Lonesome** ★★★★★ Brilliantly scripted western starring Randolph Scott as a bounty hunter. (1959, 12) **4.50 Wild West Chronicles 5.20 Tank Force** ★★ Far-fetched Second World War drama. Victor Mature (1958, U) **7.10pm Asteroid-a-Geddon** ★★ Low-budget disaster movie. (2020, 12) **9.00 Killing Salazar** ★★ Lumbering action thriller. Steven Seagal, Luke Goss (2016, 15) **11.05 Cross the Line** ★★ Tacky cat-and-mouse kidnapping thriller. Luke Goss, Mischa Barton (2015, 15) **12.55am Kill 'Em All** ★★ Tired-looking thriller. Jean-Claude Van Damme (2017, 15) **2.50 Wild West Chronicles 3.50-5.00am** Battle Honours **Great Action** Freewiew 42 (limited) **F'sat** 305 **Sky** 323 **Virgin** 426 **+1 Sky** 324

Great Movies Christmas 52

8.00am Correcting Christmas ★★ Warm-hearted romance. Kelly Overton (2014) **10.00 Cupid for Christmas** ★★ Cutesy festive romcom. Melanie Stone, Ryan Carnes, Richard Kind (2021, PG) **12 noon Eve's Christmas** ★★ Time-slipping fantasy comedy. Elisa Donovan, Sebastian Spence, Cheryl Ladd (2004, PG) **2.00pm Christmas Angel** ★★ Light adventure. Izabela Vidovic (2012) **4.00 Angel of Christmas** ★★ Routine romance. Jennifer Finnigan (2015) **6.00pm A Dream of Christmas** ★★ A woman gets to see what life would be like without her husband and family. Nikki DeLoach, Andrew Walker (2016) **8.00 A Christmas Crush** ★★ A wish goes wrong in this festive fantasy romcom. Cindy Sampson (2019) **10.00 Christmas in Evergreen** ★★ Wholesome fantasy. (2017, PG) **12 midnight A Mission for Christmas** ★★ Likeable fantasy. Lindsey Gort (2015) **2.00am Highway to Heaven 3.00-5.00am Christmas Wish** ★★ Decent fantasy. Nicole Eggert (2007) **Great Movies Christmas** Freewiew 52 **Freesat** 303 **Sky** 319 **Virgin** 424 **+1 F'view** 63 (limited 10pm-5am) **F'sat** 304 **Sky** 320

Sky Premiere

6.15am As 12.50pm **8.10 Beau Is Afraid** ★★★★★ Wickedly funny black comedy. Joaquin Phoenix, Patti LuPone (2023, 15) **11.10** As 4.25pm **12.50pm Dance First: a Life of Samuel Beckett** ★★ Lacklustre drama. **Review** p36. Gabriel Byrne (2023, 12) **2.45** As 8pm **4.25 Mummies** ★★★★★ Breezy fish-out-of-water animated comedy. **Review** p36. Joe Thomas, Eleanor Tomlinson (2023, U) **6.05pm The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry** ★★★★★ Gentle British drama starring Jim Broadbent. **Review** p36. Penelope Wilton (2023, 12) **8.00** **Shazam! Fury of the Gods** ★★★★★ Zachary Levi's superhero and his friends face a trio of Greek goddesses. (2023, 12) **9.50 May December** ★★★★★ An actor spends time with the woman whose life she is about to portray. **Review** p36. Natalie Portman (2023, 15) **11.55 Retribution** ★★ Generic action thriller. Liam Neeson (2023, 12) **1.40am A Thousand and One** ★★★★★ Indie drama about the changing fortunes of a single mother. Teyana Taylor (2023, 15) **3.50** As 9.50pm **5.55 The Cinema List: Black British Actors** **Sky Premiere** **Sky** 301 **Virgin** 401 **EE** 501/HD 515 **+1 Sky** 312

Legend 41

8.00am Walker, Texas Ranger **9.00** The Six Million Dollar Man **10.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **11.00 Lancaster Skies** ★★ Uneven micro-budget homage to Britain's bomber crews. Josh Collins, Rosa Coduri, Kris Sadtler (2019, PG) **1.00pm** The Gambler V: Playing for Keeps: western starring Kenny Rogers. **5.00** Star Trek **6.00pm** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine TV sci-fi drama series. **7.00 The Six Million Dollar Man** Sci-fi drama with Lee Majors. **8.00 Walker, Texas Ranger** TV action drama with Chuck Norris. **9.00 Rogue Hotsage** ★★ By-the-numbers thriller. Tyrese Gibson (2021, 15) **10.50 John Carpenter's Vampires** ★★★★★ Rip-roaring horror flick in which James Woods plays a Vatican-sponsored vampire slayer. (1998, 18) **12.55am The Rezort** ★★ Entertaining horror in which tourists pay to run around an island and shoot real zombies. Dougray Scott (2015, 15) **2.45-4.30am Echoes of Fear** ★★★★★ A woman inherits her grandfather's house, which holds a series of mysteries. Trista Robinson (2018, 15) **Legend F'view** 41 **F'sat** 137 **Sky** 148 **Virgin** 149

Legend Xtra 69

8.00am Mega Shark vs Kolossus ★★ Entertainingly wacky sci-fi sequel. Illeana Douglas (2015) **10.00 Andromeda 11.00 Jory** ★★★★★ Coming-of-age western with heart-throb Robby Benson as a boy who befriends a laid-back cattle driver. John Marley, BJ Thomas (1972, PG) **1.00pm Monster Island** ★★ A beast is disturbed on the ocean floor in this sub-par *Godzilla* cash-in. Eric Roberts, Toshi Toda (2019, 12) **3.00 Andromeda 4.00** Star Trek **5.00 The Philadelphia Experiment** ★★ Scientists revive a wartime project that made a warship disappear in this sci-fi yarn. Malcolm McDowell (2012, 12) **7.00pm Andromeda** TV sci-fi. **8.00 Star Trek** TV sci-fi drama. **9.00 Fright Fest** ★★ A horror event in a small town is hijacked by an escaped maniac in this generic slasher movie. Dylan Walsh (2018, 15) **10.50 Hellbound: Hellraiser II** ★★ Gory horror sequel in which Ashley Laurence fights demons for her father's soul. Clare Higgins (1988, 18) **1.00-2.50am Fright Fest** As 9pm **Legend Xtra F'view** 69 **F'sat** 138 **Sky** 317 **Virgin** 171 **+1 F'sat** 139 **Sky** 318 **Virgin** 371



Sky Showcase



Darts 6.30pm Michael Smith hopes to be in contention

6.00am The Early Rundown **7.00** Breakfast with Anna Jones **8.00** Stop, Search, Seize **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** David Attenborough's Global Adventure (AD) **11.00** Planet Shark (AD) **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **2.00** The 90s: Cinema's Greatest Decade (AD) **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air: double bill

5.00pm The Simpsons Lisa has a crush on a school bully. Can she make him change his ways?

5.30 Sideshow Bob is released from prison and goes to work for his brother on a dam-building project. **6.00** Homer and Marge plan a night out at Springfield's newly renovated waterfront, and decide Lisa is sensible enough to babysit.

6.30 LIVE Darts Action from day one of the World Darts Championship at Alexandra Palace in London, featuring three first-round matches and one second-round match.

11.00 James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999 The comedian performs at the Hackney Empire, discussing topics such as Brexit and mental health.

1.30am A League of Their Own **2.30** **ITV CHOICE** Breeders. See **p103** **3.00** The Lazarus Project **4.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Showcase Sky 106 Virgin 109
EE 340/HD 355 +1 Sky 206

Sky Sci-Fi

6.00am Most Haunted **7.00** Primeval **8.00** Home Shopping **11.00** Blood & Treasure **12 noon** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **2.00pm** Blood & Treasure **3.00** Primeval **4.00** Stargate SG-1 **5.00** Stargate Universe: Greer is left for dead

6.00pm Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **18/26** Series 3. Bashir is critically injured in an alien attack. **7.00 19/26**. Abducted and taken to a parallel universe, Sisko has to fill the shoes of the Terran rebel leader.

8.00 Star Trek: Enterprise 14/26 Series 2. The crew attends a medical conference, where Dr Phlox tries to learn more about a potentially fatal Vulcan disease.

9.00 Dan Brown's The Lost Symbol 5/10. When Mal'akh sends a disturbing video of Peter, Robert has no other choice but to reunite with Katherine and team up with Sato for a bold move. **10.00 6/10**. Mal'akh puts pressure on Langdon and Peter to decipher the clues, while Katherine, Nunez and Sato attempt to pick up the pieces after the failed drop.

11.00 The Ark 7/12. The crew discovers that they're not alone. **12 midnight** The crew suffers technical difficulties and a new figure enters the equation.

1.00am Star Trek: Enterprise **2.00** Stargate Universe **3.00** Star Trek: Deep Space Nine **5.00-6.00am** Most Haunted US

Sky Sci-Fi Sky 139 (140 Scotland) Virgin 122
EE 348/HD 363 +1 Sky 229

Sky Atlantic



The Staircase 9.00pm Michael is facing justice

6.00am Urban Secrets **7.55** True Blood **10.00** Billions (AD) **12.15pm** Game of Thrones (AD) **1.20** The Affair (AD) **3.30** True Blood

5.40pm Billions **12/12** Series 3 Axe dominates a capital raise event, but is challenged by an unexpected competitor. (AD)

6.45 1/12 Series 4. New opponents threaten the alliance between Bobby Axelrod and Chuck Rhoades. (AD)

7.50 Game of Thrones **10/10** Series 2. Daenerys enters the mysterious House of the Undying, while Jon proves his worth to Qhorin Halfhand. (AD)

9.00 The Staircase 3/8. In the months before Kathleen's death, Michael leads a double life and the Petersons struggle financially. (AD)

10.15 Band of Brothers **1/10** Second World War drama recounting the true-life story of crack US paratroop unit Easy Company. Damian Lewis stars.

11.40 Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty **2/10** Series 1. Buss attempts to charm Red Auerbach and Claire's mandate brings conflict. (AD)

12.45am Tin Star: Liverpool (AD) **1.50** Game of Thrones (AD) **3.00** White House Plumbers (AD) **4.05-6.00am** Urban Secrets

Sky Atlantic Sky 108 (109 Wales)
EE 342/HD 357 +1 Sky 208 (209 Wales)

Sky Witness

6.00am UK Border Force (AD) **7.00** Border Patrol **8.00** Nothing to Declare **9.00** Border Security USA (AD) **10.00** Highway Cops **11.00** The Equalizer (AD) **12 noon** The Rookie (AD) **1.00pm** FBI (AD) **2.00** FBI: Most Wanted (AD) **3.00** Caught Red Handed **4.30** Nothing to Declare: triple bill (AD)

6.00pm Caught on Dashcam **Winter Special** Bringing together the most spectacular and downright bizarre car crashes, near misses and road incidents ever seen.

7.00 New. Nothing to Declare Double bill following the work of customs officers in Australia.

8.00 The Equalizer **14/18** Series 3. A Venezuelan migrant is accused of murdering a congresswoman. (AD)

9.00 FBI: Most Wanted 18/22 Series 4. Two agents from the Bureau of Land Management go missing while executing a land-seizure warrant in Wyoming.

10.00 Blue Bloods **12/16** Series 11 Business becomes personal for Frank when Baker is assaulted. (AD)

11.00 The Good Doctor **8/22** Series 6. Dr Morgan Park faces her past when treating the victim of a sexual assault.

12 midnight Departure (AD) **1.00am** Chicago Med: two episodes **3.00** The Resident **4.00** The Force: Manchester **5.00-6.00am** UK Border Force (AD)

Sky Witness Sky 107 Virgin 110
EE 341/HD 356 +1 Sky 207 Virgin 310

Sky Max



Bad Santa 2 9.00pm Willie's old partner-in-crime appears

6.00am NCIS: Los Angeles **7.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD) **8.00** Supergirl **9.00** Stargate SG-1 **11.00** NCIS: Los Angeles **12 noon** Supergirl **1.00pm** MacGyver **3.00** Hawaii Five-O **4.00** Road Wars: a christmas special **5.00** DC's Legends of Tomorrow (AD)

6.00pm Stargate SG-1 **17/22** Series 6. Foreign ambassadors learn of the Stargate programme. **7.00 18/22**. The team helps the crew of a stranded ship.

8.00 A League of Their Own **Ep 8** Series 18. Romesh and the regulars celebrate Christmas with Patrice Evra and Rob Beckett as the teams take on a human darts test and the Leap of Faith.

9.00 Bad Santa 2 ★★ Black comedy starring Billy Bob Thornton. Life continues to be miserable for failed Santa impersonator Willie Soke. So when Willie's old partner-in-crime appears with a scheme to rob millions of dollars, Willie is persuaded to don the Santa suit once again. (W)

11.00 The Lazarus Project **5/8** Series 2. Janet is tasked with fixing the defective time machine.

12 midnight Road Wars: christmas special **2.00am** New. Christmas at the Movies **4.00** Hawaii Five-O **5.00-6.00am** Highway Patrol

Sky Max Sky 113 (114 Wales) Virgin 111
EE 346/HD 361

Sky Replay

7.00am Sixth Sense with Colin Fry **8.00** Four Weddings (AD) **10.00** The Real A&E (AD) **11.00** Highway Cops **12 noon** Highway Patrol **1.00pm** Motorway Patrol (AD) **2.00** Most Haunted **4.00** Station 19 (AD) **6.00** Merlin: double bill. A mysterious knight makes a dramatic entrance, then Merlin, Morgana and Gwen join forces to save Merlin's home village (AD) **8.00** Highway Cops: double bill **9.00** FBI: a trucker is gunned down **10.00** FBI: International: a Russian hitman is out for revenge **11.00** FBI: Most Wanted: two agents from the Bureau of Land Management go missing **12 midnight** Brit Cops: Law & Disorder (AD) **1.00am** The Real A&E (AD) **2.00** A League of Their Own (AD) **3.00** Duck Quacks Don't Echo (AD) **4.00** Four Weddings (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Sixth Sense with Colin Fry: two editions

Sky Replay Sky 152 Virgin 156

Sky Crime

6.00am Highway Patrol **7.00** Motorway Patrol **8.00** Highway Cops (AD) **9.00** Nothing to Declare **10.00** Caught Red Handed **11.30** Border Patrol **12 noon** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **1.00pm** An Unexpected Killer **2.00** Killer in My Village **3.00** Most Evil Killers (AD) **5.00** Killing Mum and Dad (AD) **6.00** Murders That Shocked the Nation (AD) **7.00** Most Evil Killers (AD) **9.00** Forensics: Catching the Killer **10.00** The Murder of Lyn Dawson: the Teacher, the Groomer, the Killer: Chris's mistress moves in **11.00** Most Evil Killers **12 midnight** Killer in My Village **1.00am** Killer Siblings **2.00** An Unexpected Killer **3.00** Murdered at First Sight (AD) **4.00** Road Wars (AD) **5.00-6.00am** Motorway Patrol (AD)

Sky Crime Sky 122 (123 Scotland) Virgin 121
EE 349/HD 364 +1 Sky 222 (223 Scot) Virgin 321

Gold



Dad's Army 9.00pm Captain Mainwaring receives a visitor

7.10am The Two Ronnies **9.45** Hi-de-Hi! **11.05** Last of the Summer Wine **1.25pm** Keeping up Appearances: Hyacinth goes on a cruise **2.45** The Green Green Grass **3.40** Dial M for Middlesbrough (AD)

5.40pm Only Fools and Horses The Trotters arrive in America and promptly suffer a setback when their camper van is burgled and a Mafia gang targets Del. (AD) **7.35** Always one to jump on the latest bandwagon, Del goes eco-friendly and launches a bottled water business. (AD)

9.00 Dad's Army Frazer is unable to hide his delight when Captain Mainwaring's disreputable brother gatecrashes a sherry party for local dignitaries.

9.55 Mrs Brown's Boys The doting mother's wish to have a safe and peaceful Christmas at home is frustrated at every turn. With guest star Noddy Holder. **10.35** A handsome stranger reveals he only has eyes for one special woman - Agnes Brown.

11.15 The Royle Family Dave comes up with an idea worthy of *Dragons' Den* as the clan gathers for another Christmas. (AD)

12.40am Harry Enfield and Chums (AD) **1.35** Dad's Army **2.35-4.00am** Mrs Brown's Boys

Gold Sky 110 (111 Wales) Virgin 124
EE 344/HD 359 +1 Sky 210 (211 Wales) Virgin 324

Sky Comedy

8.00am The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **9.00** The Conners **10.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **10.30** House of Lies **11.40** Entourage **12.50pm** Curb Your Enthusiasm **2.10** House of Lies **3.20** Entourage **4.30** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **5.00** The Conners **6.00** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air **7.30** Will & Grace (AD) **8.30** The Office US **9.00** Curb Your Enthusiasm: double bill. Leon poses as a dead doctor, then Larry misses out on spending time with Cheryl **10.30** **ITV CHOICE** New. Breeders: Jackie's health continues to worsen, while Paul helps Luke out. See page 103 **11.00** James Acaster: Cold Lasagne Hate Myself 1999: live in London **1.30am** New. The Tonight Show Starring Jimmy Fallon **2.30** Bounty Hunters: triple bill (AD) **4.00-5.00am** The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air

Sky Comedy Sky 114 (115 Wales)
Virgin 112 EE 347/HD 362

Comedy Central

8.00am Most Ridiculous: Babies **8.35** Most Ridiculous: Friends **9.00** Takeshi's Castle **10.00** Home Improvement **12 noon** Last Man Standing **2.00pm** The Middle **4.30** Friends (AD) **9.00** Jack Whitehall Gets Around **11.00** New. Mike Judge's Beavis and Butt-Head: double bill. The boys get warehouse jobs at an internet retail company, then the guys are invited to a sleep-over at Cody's house **11.00** New. Ugly Americans **11.30** FILM Adaptation. ★★★★★ Satirical comedy drama starring Nicolas Cage. Review page 49 **1.55** South Park: double bill **2.55** Beavis and Butt-Head **3.05** New. The Daily Show **3.30** Guessable? **4.15-5.00am** The Middle **Comedy Central** Sky 112 (113 Wales)
Virgin 132 EE 345/HD 360
+1 Sky 212 (213 Wales) Virgin 332

Alibi



Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators 10.00pm

7.15am Murdoch Mysteries **9.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **10.00** Hudson & Rex (AD) **11.00** Without a Trace **12 noon** Father Brown (AD) **1.00pm** Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators (AD) **2.00** Murdoch Mysteries **4.00** Rizzoli & Isles (AD) **5.00** Hudson & Rex (AD)

6.00pm Without a Trace **12/24** Series 5. The team investigates when an exemplary air-traffic controller disappears.

7.00 Elementary **22/24** Series 3 Holmes joins an interstate hunt for an escaped convict.

8.00 Father Brown **9/15** Series 3 The sleuthing cleric searches for a murderer when a body is discovered in a vineyard. (AD)

9.00 Death in Paradise **8/8** Series 4. A murder suspect is shot dead in police custody. (AD)

10.00 Shakespeare and Hathaway: Private Investigators **9/10** Series 1 The sleuthing duo look into a campaign of culinary sabotage. (AD)

11.00 Rizzoli & Isles **14/15** Series 3. A man is killed during a car-wash fundraising event. (AD)

12 midnight Elementary **1.00am** Hudson & Rex (AD) **2.00** CSI: Vegas: Hodges goes missing (AD) **2.55-4.00am** Murdoch Mysteries

Alibi Sky 109 (110 Wales) Virgin 114
EE 343/HD 358 +1 Sky 209 (210 Wales) Virgin 191

Discovery

6.00am Wheeler Dealers **7.00** Diesel Brothers **8.00** Dive Wars Australia **9.00** Gold Divers **10.00** Bitchin' Rides **11.00** Arctic Ice Railroad (AD) **12 noon** Salvage Hunters **1.00pm** Building off the Grid **3.00** Alaskan Bush People (AD) **4.00** Blowing Up History (AD) **5.00** Wheeler Dealers (AD) **6.00** Salvage Hunters **7.00** Outback Truckers: Ash Bryant and Darryl Armfield are on a time-critical job **8.00** Gold Rush **9.00** New. How the Universe Works: scientists explore what will happen if an asteroid hurtles towards Earth (AD) **10.00** Aliens in Alaska: a bush pilot witnesses unsettling UFO activity **11.00** Expedition Bigfoot **12 midnight** Moonshiners: Master Distiller **1.00am** How the Universe Works (AD) **2.00** Aliens in Alaska **3.00** Gold Rush **4.00-5.00am** Wheeler Dealers

Discovery Sky 125 (126 Scotland) Virgin 177
EE 320/HD 325 +1 Sky 225 (226 Scot) Virgin 377

Discovery History

6.00am Expedition Unknown **7.00** How the Universe Works **8.00** Blowing Up History **9.00** Greatest Events of World War II **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried: double bill **12 noon** Combat Dealers: double bill (AD) **2.00pm** How the Universe Works **3.00** Salvage Hunters **4.00** Mysteries at the Museum **5.00** Blowing Up History **6.00** Combat Dealers (AD) **7.00** Expedition Unknown: Francis Drake's lost fortune **8.00** Greatest Events of World War II: the story of the Battle of Midway **9.00** Combat Dealers **10.00** Salvage Hunters **11.00** Shed and Buried **12 midnight** How It's Made **1.00am** Combat Dealers **2.00** Salvage Hunters **3.00** Greatest Events of World War II **4.00-5.00am** Shed and Buried **Discovery History** Sky 177 Virgin 181
+1 Sky 277 Virgin 381

Sky Documentaries



Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle 8.00pm

6.00am Positive (AD) **7.00** Discovering: Walter Matthau (AD) **8.00** The Directors **9.00** The 2000s **9.55** The Vow (AD) **11.00** Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle (AD) **12 noon** **FILM** Next Goal Wins **12.15** Football documentary. **Review p79** (AD) (W) **2.00pm** Everton: Howard's Way **4.00** The Directors **5.00** Discovering: Walter Matthau (AD)

6.00pm **The 2000s** A look at technological advancements.

6.55 **The Vow** Cult leader Keith Raniere awaits trial. (AD)

8.00 **Six Silent Killings: Ireland's Vanishing Triangle** The disappearances of six women within five years in the 1990s. (AD)

9.00 **Lockerbie** A double agent provides the evidence needed to bring the two suspects to court.

10.00 **Bad Host: Hunting the Couchsurfing Predator** Young women who brought down a predatory Italian policeman.

11.00 **The Beatles: Eight Days a Week: the Touring Years** **★★★★** Director Ron Howard focuses on the Fab Four's years as a live band. (W)

1.10am Seve (AD) **3.10** Kings of Coke (AD) **5.00–6.00am** Discovering: Walter Matthau (AD)

Sky Documentaries Sky 121 (122 Scotland) Virgin 188 EE 352/HD 367

Nat Geographic

8.00am Lords of War **9.00** Air Crash Investigation **10.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **11.00** Drain the Oceans (AD) **12 noon** Car SOS **1.00pm** Ice Road Rescue **2.00** Air Crash Investigation **3.00** Hitler's Last Stand (AD) **4.00** Egypt's Sunken City: Drain the Oceans (AD) **5.00** Car SOS (AD) **6.00** Lost Treasures of Egypt (AD) **7.00** Air Crash Investigation: three editions. The worst aviation disaster in Sumatra's history **8.00** An engine failure in Qantas Flight 32 in 2010 **9.00** An investigation uncovers a deadly flaw in a plane **10.00** Border Protection Spain **11.00** Air Crash Investigation: US Airways Flight 1549's crash-landing in the Hudson River in 2009 (AD) **12 midnight** Airport Security: First Class **1.00am** Banged Up Abroad **2.00** Food Factory USA **2.55–5.00am** Food Factory

Nat Geographic Sky 129 (130 Scotland) Virgin 183 +1 Sky 229 (230 Scot) Virgin 383

Sky History

6.00am Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** American Pickers **9.00** Pawn Stars **10.00** River Hunters Special **11.00** Secrets in the Ice **12 noon** Counting Cars **2.00pm** Swamp People: Serpent Invasion **4.00** The Abyss: Rise and Fall of the Nazis **5.00** Pawn Stars **6.00** American Pickers **7.00** Forged in Fire **8.00** Ancient Aliens: the works of Leonardo Da Vinci **9.00** Hitler's Engineers: the support Hitler received to cement his hold on power **10.00** **New** Medieval Dead: the mysteries of the Battle of Waterloo **11.00** Secret Wars Uncovered **12 midnight** Pawn Stars **1.00am** Salvage Kings **2.00** Evil Genius with Russell Kane **3.00** Ancient Aliens **4.00–6.00am** Counting Cars

Sky History Sky 123 (124 Scotland) Virgin 131 EE 353/HD 368 +1 Sky 223 (224 Scot) Virgin 331

Sky Nature



Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride 8.00pm

6.00am Ol Pejeta Diaries **7.00** Monkey Life **8.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **9.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **10.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **11.00** Chasing the Rains **12 noon** Brazil Untamed **1.00pm** Monkey Life **2.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **3.00** Africa's Underwater Wonders **4.00** Wild Tales from the Farm (AD) **5.00** Chasing the Rains

6.00pm **Brazil Untamed** The dangers of living in the Pantanal, an unforgiving tropical wetland.

7.00 **Monkey Life** Elderly chimpanzee Kalu causes concern. **7.30** The red-bellied queens are enjoying their outside enclosure.

8.00 **Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride** Roaming with the pups of the Manzi and Kakumbi packs in Zambia.

9.00 **Whale with Steve Backshall** Revealing the hunting strategies of whales and dolphins.

10.00 **Brazil Untamed** As 6pm.

11.00 **Chasing the Rains** Behind the scenes with the team protecting Kenyan wildlife.

12 midnight **Shark Squad**: an insight into the mako shark **1.00am** Nature's Dress Code: Who Wears What and Why? **2.00** Wild Dogs: Pack vs Pride **3.00** Whale with Steve Backshall **4.00** Mysteries of the Mekong **5.00–6.00am** Africa's Underwater Wonders

Sky Nature Sky 124 (125 Scotland) Virgin 189 EE 354/HD 369

Eden

9.00am Underground Worlds **11.00** Forbidden History (AD) **4.00pm** Underground Worlds **6.00** Forbidden History: five editions. Jamie Theakston investigates the truth behind the story of the man in the iron mask **7.00** The truth behind the legend of King Arthur and a look for evidence of whether he was English, Scottish or Welsh **8.00** The story of Hitler's state executioner, who was placed in charge of killing thousands of people **9.00** Examining some of the historical treasures stored in the Vatican archives **10.00** Jamie Theakston investigates Bulgarian government assassins (AD) **11.00** Underground Worlds **12 midnight** Anthony Bourdain: Parts Unknown **1.00am** Forbidden History (AD) **5.30–6.00am** David Attenborough's Natural Curiosities (AD)

Eden Sky 166 Virgin HD 176 +1 Sky 266 Virgin 376

Animal Planet

8.00am Tanked **9.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees **10.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **11.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **12 noon** Tanked **1.00pm** Pit Bulls and Parolees **2.00** The Zoo: double bill **4.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **5.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **6.00** Tanked **7.00** Pit Bulls and Parolees: the rescue team begins Operation Rhino **8.00** Legends of the Wild: double bill. Kangaroos are mysteriously being mauled in Victoria, then investigating a creature mutilating livestock in Ecuador (AD) **10.00** Edge of Alaska **11.00** Meet the Orangutans **12 midnight** Meet the Penguins **1.00am** Alaska Monsters **2.00** My Cat from Hell (AD) **3.00** Animal Cops Philadelphia (AD) **4.00–5.00am** Tanked

Animal Planet Sky 162 (178 NI) Virgin 178 +1 Sky 262 (278 NI) Virgin 378

SPORT

Sky Main Event

Sky 401 Virgin 511/HD 501 EE 420/HD 440
6.00am Sky Sports News
8.30 **LIVE** **European Tour Golf** Round two of the Mauritius Open at Heritage La Reserve Golf Club.
1.30pm Total Football
5.00 Sky Sports News
6.30 **LIVE** **World Darts** Day one of the World Darts Championship from Alexandra Palace, London.
8.00 **LIVE** **Premier League Football** Nottingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 **LIVE** **World Darts** Day one of the World Darts Championship.
11.00–6.00am Sky Sports News

Sky Football

Sky 403 Virgin 513/HD 503 EE 422/HD 442
6.00am League Cup Retro **8.45** EFL Greatest Games **10.00** League Cup Retro (AD) **12 noon** German Football **12.30pm** Championship Highlights **2.00** Scottish Premiership Football **2.30** League One and Two Goals **3.00** German Football **3.30** Championship Highlights **4.30** Scottish Premiership Football **5.00** German Football **5.30** Championship Highlights
7.20 **LIVE** **German Football** Borussia Mönchengladbach v Werder Bremen (kick-off 7.30).
9.30 EFL Rivalries: the East Anglian derby **10.00** Championship Highlights **10.30** The Overlap on Tour (AD) **11.30** EFL Greatest Games (AD) **1.00am** Championship Season Review (AD)
2.00 Best Goals (AD) **2.30** EFL Trophy Highlights (AD) **3.00** Classic Play-Offs **5.30–6.00am** EFL Greatest Games

Sky Golf

Sky 405 Virgin 515/HD 505 EE 424/HD 444
6.00am European Tour **7.00** Legends Tour **8.00** Golf's Greatest Holes (AD)
8.30 **LIVE** **European Tour Golf** Round two of the Mauritius Open.
1.30pm Junior Golf **2.00** Greatest Holes (AD) **3.00** PGA Championship Official Film (AD) **4.00** Legends Tour **5.00** European Tour Golf **10.00** The Players Championship Official Film **11.00** PGA Championship Film (AD)
12 midnight European Tour **1.00am** School of Golf **2.00** PGA Championship Official Film (AD) **3.00** European Tour **4.00** School of Golf **5.00–6.00am** PGA Championship Official Film (AD)

Sky NFL

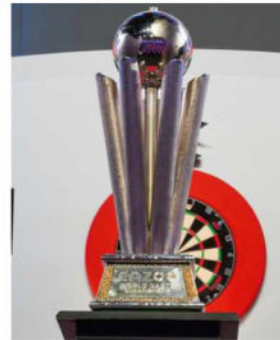
Sky 407 Virgin 517/HD 507 EE 426/HD 446
6.00am NFL **12 noon** Good Morning Football **3.00pm** NFL Highlights **4.00** NFL Gameday **4.30** NFL Bitesize **5.00** NFL Highlights **6.00** Pro-Football Talk **8.00** NFL Bitesize **8.15** 49 Hours **8.30** Her Huddle **9.00** NFL Highlights **10.00** NFL Gameday **10.30** Bitesize **10.45** 49 Hours **11.00** NFL Fantasy **12 midnight–6.00am** NFL

Sky Darts

Sky 408 Virgin 518/HD 508 EE 427/HD 447
6.00am World Darts **1.30pm** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **2.00** The Taylor Years **2.30** Greatest Final **3.00** John Part's Journey **3.30** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **4.00** The Taylor Years **4.30** The Greatest Final **5.00** 30 Years of the PDC World Championship **5.30** The Taylor Years **6.00** The Greatest Leg
6.30 **LIVE** **World Darts** Day one of the World Darts Championship.
11.00 The Rise of MVG **11.30** Gary Anderson **12 midnight** Rob Cross **12.30am** Darts Gold **1.00** World Darts **5.30–6.00am** Darts Gold

Sky Sports Mix

Sky 416 Virgin 510 EE 429/HD 449
7.30–10.00pm **LIVE** **British Basketball League** Leicester Riders v Caledonia Gladiators.



World Darts 6.30pm

Sky Darts The fight for the Sid Waddell Trophy begins

Sky Premier League

Sky 402 Virgin 512/HD 502 EE 421/HD 441
6.00am Premier League Football **10.00** Total Football **5.00pm** 100 Club (AD) **6.00** Fantasy Show **6.30** Preview
7.00 **LIVE** **Premier League Football** Nottingham Forest v Tottenham Hotspur (kick-off 8.00).
10.45 Class of 92: Full Time **11.45** Greatest Games **12 midnight** Premier League Highlights **12.30–6.00am** Classic Premier League

Sky Cricket

Sky 404 Virgin 514/HD 504 EE 423/HD 443
6.00am SA20 Highlights **7.00** International T20 Cricket Highlights
8.30pm Talking Cricket (AD) **9.00** Ashes Highlights **10.00** Pushing Boundaries **11.15** Stuart Broad: My Greatest Spells (AD) **12 midnight** SA20 Highlights **3.00am** Talking Cricket (AD) **4.00** Best of England **5.00–6.00am** SA20 Highlights

Eurosport 1

Sky 413 Virgin 521 EE HD 412
6.00am Snooker: Scottish Open **8.00** Olympics **9.00** Alpine Skiing **9.20** **LIVE** **Nordic Combined Skiing** World Cup from Austria.
10.00 Snooker: Scottish Open **11.45** **LIVE** **Snooker** Scottish Open, the quarter-finals.
6.00pm Snooker: Scottish Open **6.45** **LIVE** **Snooker** Scottish Open, the quarter-finals.
10.00 Snooker **12 midnight** Alpine Skiing **1.00am** Cross-Country Skiing **2.00** Snooker **4.00** Cross-Country Skiing **5.00–6.00am** Alpine Skiing

Eurosport 2

Sky 414 Virgin 522 EE HD 413
6.00am Winter Sports
8.50 **LIVE** **Cross-Country Skiing** World Cup from Norway.
10.15 Alpine Skiing
10.30 **LIVE** **Alpine Skiing** World Cup, the men's super-G from Italy.
12.45pm **LIVE** **Nordic Combined Skiing** World Cup from Austria.
1.10 **LIVE** **Biathlon** World Cup.
2.35 **LIVE** **Ski Jumping** World Cup, women's HS140 at Engelberg.
4.00 **LIVE** **Nordic Combined Skiing** World Cup from Austria.
5.00 **LIVE** **Snowboarding** World Cup, men's and women's big air.
6.50 Cross-Country Skiing
7.50 **LIVE** **Freestyle Skiing** World Cup, half-pipe from Utah.
10.00 Alpine Skiing: World Cup **11.00** Cross-Country Skiing **12 midnight** Cyclo-Cross **2.00am** Motocross **3.00** Sailing **4.00–6.05am** Snooker

Viaplay Sports

7.30–10.10pm **LIVE** **Challenge Cup Rugby Union** Gloucester v Clermont Auvergne (kick-off 8.00).

TNT Sports 1

Sky 410 Virgin 527 EE 408/HD 430
7.00am TNT Sports Cricket Reload
7.15 **LIVE** **Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan, continued coverage of day two of the first Test in Perth.
10.15 Premier League Reload **10.30** NBA (AD) **11.00** EuroCup Basketball
12 noon Fishing (AD) **1.00pm** French Football **1.30** Serie A: Full Impact (AD) **2.00** Champions Cup Rugby Union **3.00** International T20 Cricket **4.00** Australian Football **5.00** The Fantasy Show **5.30** Premier League Preview
6.00 Inside Serie A **6.30** Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout
7.00 **LIVE** **Champions Cup Rugby Union** Northampton Saints v Toulon (kick-off 8.00).
10.30 Andrew Mensah's Stand Up Kickabout **11.00** Wrestling (AD) **1.00am** **LIVE** **Wrestling** WWE.
3.00 Premier League Preview
3.30 Fight Week **4.00–6.00am** Champions League Football (AD)

TNT Sports 2

Sky 411 Virgin 528 EE 409/HD 431
6.00am **LIVE** **International One-Day Cricket** New Zealand v Pakistan, continued coverage of the second women's ODI.
9.30 Europa League Football **11.00** Europa Conference League
12 noon Europa League Football (AD) **1.00pm** Champions League Football **3.00** Wrestling **4.45** International One-Day Cricket **5.45** Test Cricket
6.45 International T20 Cricket
7.45 **LIVE** **Champions Cup Rugby Union** Bayonne v Glasgow Warriors (kick-off 8.00).
10.00 UFC **10.30** Test Cricket **11.30** International T20 Cricket Highlights
12.30am TNT Sports Reload (AD) **12.45** UFC **1.15** Test Cricket
2.15 **LIVE** **Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan, day three of the first Test at Optus Stadium, Perth.
4.30 TNT Sports Reload (AD)
5.00–7.00am **LIVE** **Test Cricket** Australia v Pakistan, further coverage of day three from Perth.

TNT Sports 3

Sky 417 Virgin 529 EE 410/HD 432
6.00am Wrestling: WWE
8.45 **LIVE** **Australian Football** Western Sydney Wanderers v Adelaide Utd, men's A-League.
10.45 Hockey **2.45pm** TNT Sports Reload (AD) **3.00** Champions League Football (AD) **6.00** Europa League Football (AD) **7.00** Inside Serie A
7.30 **LIVE** **Italian Football** Genoa v Juventus (kick-off 7.45).
9.45 Champions League Magazine (AD) **10.15** Reload (AD) **10.30** UFC **12 midnight** NBA Action (AD)
12.30am **LIVE** **NBA** San Antonio Spurs v Los Angeles Lakers; **3.00** Phoenix Suns v New York Knicks (tip-off 3.00).
5.30–6.00am NBA Action (AD)

TNT Sports 4

Sky 421 Virgin 530 EE 411/HD 434
6.00am **LIVE** **Badminton** Continued coverage of the World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China.
7.30 TNT Sports Reload **8.00** Women's Champions League Football
9.00 **LIVE** **Badminton** World Tour Finals in Hangzhou, China.
2.30pm NBA: Clippers v Warriors
4.00 **LIVE** **Tennis** Day one of the Ultimate Tennis Showdown.
7.00 French Football **7.30** NBA
8.00 **LIVE** **Tennis** Day one of the Ultimate Tennis Showdown.
11.00 NBA Action (AD) **11.30** Premier League: the Big Interview
12 midnight Rugby Union
2.00–7.30am **LIVE** **Badminton** World Tour Finals, the semi-finals.

Marcel Marceau created Bip the silent clown – but in the 1940s he used his gift for silence to take on the Nazis

THERE ARE NO WORDS

Archive on 4: The Art of Silence
Saturday 8.00pm Radio 4

IT'S IMPOSSIBLE to think of anybody who so dominated their chosen art form that they aren't merely synonymous with it but also an instantly recognisable shorthand for everything it represents. Marcel Marceau *is* mime and, after five decades behind the white face-paint and black tears of his creation Bip the Clown, numerous film and TV appearances and up to 300 live shows a year across the globe, mime is still Marcel Marceau – 16 years

'Marceau forged ID cards for the French resistance'

after he was interred at Père-Lachaise cemetery in Paris. There was no heir apparent, but then the life of Marceau and the development of his much-loved alter ego were forged by an extraordinary set of circumstances.

Born Marcel Mangel in Strasbourg in 1923, the son of Yiddish-speaking immigrants, he was taken by his doting mother at the age of five to the cinema to see Charlie Chaplin. It would be the basis of a lifelong connection with "the little tramp" from silent movies and inspired an urge to perform. He was, we learn in *The Art of Silence*, a Radio 4 documentary narrated by his

two daughters, Camille and Aurélia, soon given to standing on an upturned bathtub imitating Chaplin, or pretending to be Napoleon or Robinson Crusoe. "[At the same time] The love of mime was starting," he explained in a rare interview years later. "I was imitating birds, fish, plants, trees."

When it came to creating Bip in 1947, he would ask himself, "What did Chaplin do?" but, by that time, stylistic inspiration was playing second fiddle to the life experience dictating the direction of his art. "For me," Marceau would

say, "silence is always eloquent." In 2007, as he anticipated the onset of dementia, the taciturn Frenchman entrusted his daughters with a grey cardboard folder containing a manuscript entitled, *L'histoire de ma vie* (*The Story of My Life*, published as a book this year in France), detailing the events that had shaped him between 1923 and 1952. This explained much that had been left hitherto unsaid.

The Mangels, as a Jewish family of non-French origin, fled to the south of France when war was declared in 1939; Germany invaded a year later. At 18, Marcel was at art school in Limoges in Vichy France, had changed his surname to Marceau and, along with several family members, joined a French resistance network where he forged ID cards, distributed anti-Nazi propaganda and listened to coded radio broadcasts. This work went undetected but still Marceau found himself handcuffed and on a train to Germany to undertake forced labour, before he escaped by jumping out of a toilet window.

Exposure at close quarters to man's inhumanity to man continued to inform the young artist. Bip would be an embodiment of hope designed to bring laughter into a troubled world, while pacifist messages would also feature heavily in his repertoire, most notably when portraying a soldier who picks up a comrade from the battlefield only to have him die in his arms (Marceau's clown was gentle and never violent). But the decision to work in the medium of mime was perhaps made for him.

HE USED HIS talent to entertain orphans being safeguarded in houses run by the Jewish relief charity OSE (*Oeuvre de Secours aux Enfants*) but, when the Nazis eventually came for them in late 1942, his role changed. Initially, the silence associated with mime was useful to help young children avoid repeating aloud their Jewish-sounding surnames but, later on, the more theatrical elements of the art form helped Marceau act out the role of a scout leader as he set to smuggling as many of them as possible over the border to Switzerland. The Gestapo was aware of his activity and that of his brother Alain, so when their father Charles insisted on continuing to work as a kosher butcher, both pleaded with him to stop. Their words failed and in March 1944 Charles Mangel, aged 49, was deported to Auschwitz and murdered.

A mime student asked Marceau years later, "Why did you choose an art where you are not speaking?" He answered, "After the war, there are no words any more." **BILL BORROWS**



CONCEALED

Main picture: Marcel Marceau as Bip the Clown in 1977. Above: in 1944, with children at an orphanage where Jews were hidden from the Nazis

DOCUMENTARY

A Dyeing Wish *Wednesday 4.00pm Radio 4*

There's a radio pun at work here: "dyeing" as in growing weld, woad and madder in the hope of establishing a supply of environmentally friendly yellow, blue and red dyes, and "dying" as in the bladder cancer diagnosis of fine-art photographer Garry Fabian Miller, who is reinterpreting one of his darkroom works with weavers who'll use these natural colourants. There are contributions from the organic farmer growing these crops, a gardener, the weavers and potter/writer Edmund de Waal. It may sound complicated but it's a beautifully composed work of art. **ANNA JONES**



MUSIC

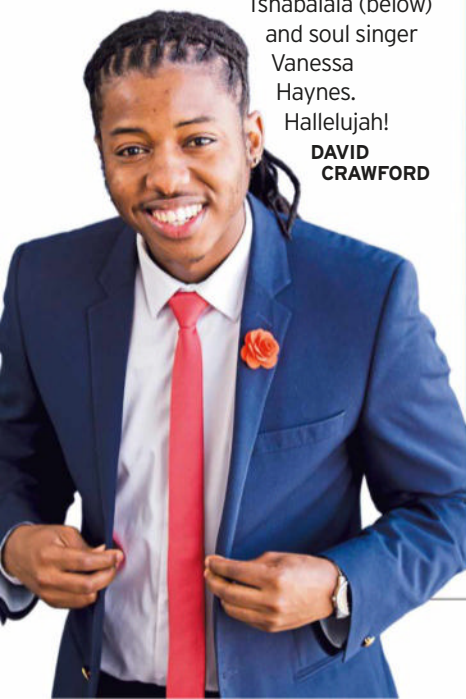
Radio 3 in Concert

Tuesday 7.30pm Radio 3

Handel's *Messiah* can withstand tinkering. In 1992, when friends commented they only liked the bit "where we can stand and sing", conductor Marin Alsop set about jazzing it up. Her swinging gospel version is now as much a fixture of American Christmases as Handel's original. She presents it here with the BBC Concert Orchestra, the London Adventist Chorale, BBC Symphony Chorus, tenor Zwakele

Tshabalala (below) and soul singer Vanessa Haynes. Hallelujah!

DAVID CRAWFORD



INTERVIEW

Desert Island Discs *Sunday 11.15pm Radio 4*

The Queen of Latin, Shirley Ballas, may sparkle on the *Strictly* set but she has worked damn hard to achieve the status of head judge. Ballas talks about the determination of her single mother to fund her dance training as a child, going on to win all the major international titles by the time she was 23, and her struggles with self-belief after some difficult relationships with men. As she once said, "Ballroom is a man's world. It's tough for women, particularly single women. But I've never expected life to be anything but tough." **AJ**



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DRAMA

Love Stories: Kiss of the Spider Woman

Sunday 3.00pm Radio 4

The image of William Hurt in a floral gown floating his way to an Oscar in the 1985 film of Manuel Puig's story is unforgettable. In this radio dramatisation directed by Nadia Molinari, the pictures drawn are just as vivid as Molina (Kadiff Kirwan), imprisoned for his homosexuality, entertains his cellmate, Valentin (Alfred Enoch), with a nightly retelling of his favourite film. As their relationship develops there is a twist that, even if expected, comes as a shock. **FIONA HUGHES**



AMBRIDGE DIARY

The Archers

Sunday-Friday 7.00pm Radio 4

The fallout from the Grange Farm auction causes an icy atmosphere between Justin and Lilian. Lynda and Tony offer comfort, but a fuming Lilian makes a dramatic announcement. Alice (Hollie Chapman, above) wrestles over coming clean with Harry – how will the tall, dark horseman react? Adam and Ian are haunted by the past when Xander lands a role in the Christmas show, Pip has a big question for Stella, and Joy is surprised by an invitation. **DC**

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CHAT

Women are Mad

To paraphrase that great film *Network*, women are “mad as hell and not going to take it any more”. In the second season of this cathartic and engaging podcast, psychotherapist Jennifer Cox and actress/writer Salima Saxton continue to discuss the things that make their blood boil and how to cope with that, with guests including Helen Serafinowicz, Gail Porter and Angela Scanlon. The objects of their ire range from Russell Brand, air travel and pro-lifers to podcasts themselves. **EMMA SIMMONDS**

A podcast full of chat and chutzpah has become sadder and more urgent

CASUALTY OF WAR



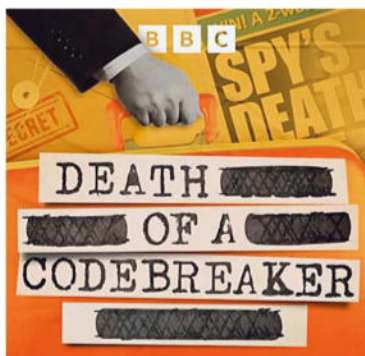
PICK OF THE WEEK

NEWS

Unholy: Two Jews on the News

Yonit Levi of Israel's Channel 12 News and Jonathan Freedland of *The Guardian* began their podcast on issues pertaining to Israel and Jewishness three years ago. But since 7 October, events have given their debate a fresh urgency and understandably made it impossible to entirely separate their

personal circumstances from all that's raging around them. The first episodes following Hamas's attacks were titled *Israel at War* but more recently the podcast has felt like it's settling in for a long, sad haul, polling everyone from Israeli satirist Muli Segev through social media expert Kara Swisher to Jewish historian Simon Sebag Montefiore for their individual contributions to an emerging long view. **DAVID HEPWORTH**



TRUE CRIME

Death of a Codebreaker

Unsolved crime has given podcasting some of its most compelling material, and that's certainly the case with this immaculately-told tale of the death of MI6 codebreaker Gareth Williams in 2010. The maths genius from Anglesey was 31 when his naked body was found padlocked inside a bag in the bath of his central-London flat and what happened to him has remained a mystery. Dr Sian Williams (presenter of *Life Changing* on Radio 4) goes about solving it. **SIMON O'HAGAN**



INTERVIEW

Dua Lipa: At Your Service

The pop-disco chart-topper has scored a scoop – interviewing elusive Apple CEO Tim Cook. Don't expect fireworks, it's a chat on her sofa. When Lipa questions whether cobalt in Apple products is mined by child labour, Cook easily allays her concerns, prompting her to utter, “Amazing”. She's no Paxman. But there's enough insight into how a boy from small-town Alabama got to run the world's largest company, and what he thinks about smartphone addiction, AI and the environment. **DAVID CRAWFORD**



MUSIC

One Direction: a Fan Story

In 2010, button-cute teenagers Harry, Niall, Louis, Liam and Zayn were put together (by Nicole Scherzinger, bizarrely) into a band on *The X Factor* and came third. TikTokker Maddie Grace Jepson romps through the ensuing seven years of global pop domination, in which fans' devotion often strayed into privacy violation. As former 1D songwriter Jamie Scott says in the podcast, “You look back and think, what was that?” **CAROLINE FROST**



POLITICS

Wood for the Trees

With debate still running hot on rallies demanding a ceasefire in Gaza, there's a prescient episode, *How to Police a Protest*, in the fourth of Cait Macleod's series on contemporary controversies. She invites two guests with opposing views to state their case – this series it's policing and justice – and offers up her own questions and opinions in the accompanying narrative. It's certainly thought-provoking to hear some different views and voices, but the analysis needs tightening up. **ANNA JONES**

THE PICK OF THE BEST AUDIO ON DEMAND



INVESTIGATION

The Sound: Mystery of Havana Syndrome

In 2021, Radio 4's *Crossing Continents* covered Havana Syndrome, an ailment first reported in the Cuban capital that debilitated its sufferers, mostly American officials, with a mysterious high-pitch sound. Journalist Nicky Woolf (who also tried to identify the person behind conspiracy group QAnon) brings the story up to date in this eight-part series, during the making of which the CIA issued a new report on the sound. A medical mystery like no other.

DAVID MCGILLIVRAY



COMEDY

Drunk Women Solving Crime

More for fans of *The Guilty Feminist* than *Miss Marple*, this long-running weekly show is really all about spending time with writer/comedian hosts Hannah George, Catie Wilkins and Taylor Glenn as they banter over booze and try to solve a chosen crime. Guests sometimes feature, including Deborah Frances-White, Bridget Christie and – for Men's Month – Clive Anderson (stuffy in this fluent female company). Just like my book group: bottles on the table and no one sticking to the point. **FIONA HUGHES**

Streams of Consciousness

DAVID HEPWORTH



Roll up, roll up for the furious football fans of YouTube

TELEVISION LIKES TO talk about the Beautiful Game. It loves to promote the idea that football increases the sum of human harmony. The truth is the direct opposite. Football is all about spite.

If you don't believe me, spend some time on the areas of YouTube where you can watch people watching the sport. Look up names like Manchester United fan Mark Goldbridge, Newcastle die-hard Brian "True Georgie" Davis and Chelsea fanatic Rory Jennings.

You can find them in their expensively-appointed man caves, sporting their team colours, eyes fixed on a screen you can't see, taking microphones in their fists at times of increased tension, banging the table, peppering the air with asterisks when things go wrong and bemoaning the fact that all the millions poured into their teams haven't brought instant success. Football fans used to have to go to the game to watch the opposition's faces fall. Now they can do it from the comfort of their own homes.

FOR THE MAJORITY of us whose clubs are neither the wholly-owned subsidiaries of Middle Eastern oil states nor the playthings of cat-stroking billionaires, there is no greater pleasure than watching the crumpled expressions of this entitled minority as they are forced to sit and watch their teams let them down. Sometimes they slam down their headphones and disappear from shot altogether for a few minutes.

Most of the time they are accompanied by other, similarly knowledgeable young men with attachments to different teams. These are the rising stars of football coverage and they gather under the names of would-be brands like *The Kick-Off* and *The Club*. They're very good at what they do. They know at least as much as the professional pundits and former players doing the same job on the broadcast channels, but they talk in a way neither would dream of doing.

In time they'll be hired by those same channels, and then they'll have to remain in their seats and mind their language. Then it will all be over. Get it while it's hot.

See David's pick of the week, *Unholy: Two Jews on the News*, opposite page

THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS
IDF soldiers submit their prayers to the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem

THE RadioTimes PODCAST

THIS WEEK

Joining Kelly-Anne Taylor on this week's episode is LBC radio host James O'Brien. The presenter talks about going viral on social media, the impossibility of impartiality and why he felt a "weird burning sense of injustice" when he was a pupil at his public school. Available from 5 December.

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NEW EPISODE JAMES O'BRIEN



HISTORY

The World Turned Upside Down

Professor Anne Hughes is our guide to the complex origins and catalysts of the religious tumult that ignited civil war in Anglican England, Calvinist Scotland and Catholic Ireland in the 17th century. The Reformation left unresolved doctrinal differences that came to a head in the 1640s, leaving Charles I without his own. Hughes's detailed, concise overview will leave you knowing your Protestant from Puritan and Putney Debate from Pride's Purge. **JEREMY ASPINALL**

SATURDAY Radio

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TODAY'S CHOICES



Opera on 3: Florencia en el Amazonas

6.30pm Radio 3

Long synonymous with the standard repertoire, New York's Met Opera is now banking on reviving its failing post-pandemic audiences via a major investment in contemporary opera, with no fewer than 17 new or recent works programmed over the next five years. Launching the new season of relays tonight, Mexican composer Daniel Catán's lushly post-Puccinian "magical realist" fable – a popular hit ever since its 1996 Houston premiere – now belatedly becomes the first Spanish-language opera staged at the Met for almost a century. Mexican-American soprano Ailyn Pérez (above) excels as Florencia Grimaldi, a legendary diva voyaging down the Amazon in search of her lepidopterist lover. **MARK PAPPENHEIM**

The Third Gentleman

6.00am/11.00am/5.00pm

Radio 4 Extra

Back in 1997, this was something of a coup for Radio 4, securing two full-length historical radio dramas from Ian Rankin, by then making a name for himself as the creator of the Inspector Rebus novels. This was the second outing for the rather roguish and charming Cully, or Mr Cullender, played by Glasgow-born Alexander Morton. Cully is an 18th-century caddie-turned-private-investigator who hopes to solve a spate of murders in wine cellars while avoiding the roaming press gangs eager for fresh manpower to fight against Napoleon. **ANNA JONES**

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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Archive on 4: The Art of Silence

8.00pm Radio 4

Marcel Marceau's wartime work.

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Weekend Breakfast **10.00** Anthems **11.00** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **4.00** Dance Anthems **7.00** Soundsystem Party **9.00** Rap Show **10.30** Rap Mixtape **11.00** Drum 'n' Bass Show **12.00** Drum 'n' Bass Mix **1.00am** Classic Essential Mix **3.00** Future Dance Mix **3.30** Pete Tong's Hot Mix **4.00** Dance Anthems **5.00** Relax at Christmas

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Sounds of the 60s with Tony Blackburn Tony Blackburn spins US and UK hits.
8.00 Dermot O'Leary With former cricketer Stuart Broad and Neil Hannon, whose songs feature in Paul King's new film *Wonka*.
10.00 Claudia Winkleman Including at **12.30pm Radio 2's Strictly Playlist**, with a preview of music on *Strictly* (BBC1 at 7.35pm).
1.00 Pick of the Pops Steve Wright with 1968 and 1977. Rptd Mon 3am (1968) and Tue 3am (1977)
3.00 Rylan on Saturday
6.00 Liza Tarbuck
8.00 Sounds of the 80s with Gary Davies
10.00 Sounds of the 90s (R)
12.00 Bollywood Disco Knights with Anita Rani As part of the Radio 2 Celebrates Disco season, Bradford-born Anita Rani explores the influence of disco on Bollywood music, including Bappi Lahiri, (the Disco King of India), Asha Bhosle and Lata Mangeshkar.
1.00am Dance Sounds of the 90s with Vernon Kay
2.00 Music programme
3.00 The Good Groove with DJ Spoony Joyful floor fillers.
4.30 Steve Wright's Love Songs Extra A playlist recalling ????.
12.00 Radio 2 in Concert Curtis Stigers in 1993 in Nottingham.
5.00 Tracks of My Years Omnibus edition with Jamie Oliver.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

6.00am Amy Lamé
8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie Music, chat and guests, with Thurston Moore (ex-Sonic Youth) in the *First, Last and Everything* feature.
10.00 The Huey Show
1.00pm Jamz Supernova on 6
3.00 Gilles Peterson
6.00 Craig Charles Funk and soul.
9.00 Don Letts's Culture Clash Radio An eclectic mix of music.
11.00 Sherelle The rave continuum.
1.00am 6 Music's Rave Forever
2.00 The Morning After Mix

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW
6.00am Jenny Powell **10.00** Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Richard Allinson **4.00** Weekend Anthems **5.00** Paul Gambaccini **7.00** Kate Thornton **10.00** Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk
6.00am Dave Jamieson **8.00** My Generation **10.00** Rob Jones **12.00** Simon's 70s **2.00pm** Jenny Hanley **4.00** John's Jukebox **7.00** Saturday Soul **9.00** Late Night Graham Torrington **12.00** Night Ride **2.00am** Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast

Elizabeth Alker presents a playlist of "relaxing classics", including classical and folk works and popular American standards.

9.00 Record Review

Andrew McGregor with a detailed look at classic recordings and some of the week's new releases.

9.30 Nigel Simeone marks this year's 125th anniversary of Deutsche Grammophon with a pick of his favourite recordings on the label. And in the *On Repeat* feature he shares a track that is a current obsession.

10.30 Building a Library Tom Service discusses his favourite recording of Bruckner's monumental *Symphony No 8 in C minor*. The full recording can be heard tomorrow 8.25pm on *Record Review Extra*.
11.20 Record of the Week Andrew's top pick.

11.45 Music Matters

Kate Molleson covers myriad facets of the classical world, including arts news. Plus guests, this week featuring a special interview with composer György Kurtág (now 97) in Budapest. She also talks to conductor Ivan Fischer about the Budapest Festival Orchestra. Repeated Monday 10pm

12.30pm This Classical Life

Saxophonist Jess Gillam is joined by London-raised flautist Daniel Shao to share some of their favourite music. Their choices include music by Hildegard of Bingen, Britten, Ibert and Gluck and recordings by Tim Buckley and Whitney Houston.

1.00 Inside Music

Soprano Elizabeth Llewellyn discusses a range of voices, including Petula Clark's folk style on the soundtrack to *Finian's Rainbow* (1968), a baroque-sounding recording by Joan Armatrading, the trumpet playing of Wynton Marsalis and music by Samuel Coleridge-Taylor. From February 2022. (R)

3.00 Sound of Gaming

Monthly showcase of music from the world of gaming, today with Elle Osili-Wood joined by American composer Cris Velasco (*Overwatch, God of War*) to reflect on the impact of conflict on gaming music, from a straightforward will to win to complex moral dilemmas.

4.00 Music Planet

Lopa Kothari with the latest roots-based music from around the globe, today featuring a studio session from Polish band Kroke, who 30 years ago started playing Jewish klezmer music and now perform their own distinct blend of Balkan and jazz influences.

5.00 J to Z

Featuring new and classic jazz, this week including an intimate interview with Memphis-born saxophonist Charles Lloyd (now 85), who shares some of the music that has influenced and inspired him throughout his life. Plus highlights of the concert given by the Zoe Rahman quintet last month on the J to Z Presents stage at the London Jazz Festival.

Scala Radio

DAB scalalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox With the *Piano Playlist* at **8.00**.
10.00 Angellica Bell Magazine-style show, including after **11.00 Angellica's Artist of the Week**, with a musician invited to curate a part of the show.

1.00pm Mark Kermode Film music, today marking anniversaries for Judi Dench (now is 89 today) and Portishead member and film composer Geoff Barrow (52 today). Plus music by Ennio Morricone (*The Bachelor*).

3.00 Jack Pepper's Culture Bunker

5.00 The Console with Luci Holland Game music.

6.00 Ayanna Witter-Johnson Personal picks.

8.00 Saturday Night Scala With Darren Redick.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am The Everyday Hustle **7.00** Motivation **8.00** Smash Bengali **10.00** Certified **11.00** Beyond Bollywood **1.00pm** Mehreen Baig **3.00** Certified Throwbacks **4.00** Amber Sandhu **6.00** Panjabi Hit Squad **9.00** Pure Spice **12.00** SOS Bhangra Mix **1.00am** DJ Kizki **4.00** BBC Introducing

6.30 Opera on 3

RT Today's New York Metropolitan Opera performance of *Florencia en el Amazonas* by Mexican composer Daniel Catán (1949–2011) – the work's house premiere, in a production by Mary Zimmerman. In this 1996 opera about an opera singer, sung in Spanish and inspired by the magical realism of Gabriel García Márquez, renowned soprano Florencia Grimaldi returns to her native South America to perform at the Amazonas opera house in Manaus – and to search for her lost lover, who has disappeared into the jungle. Presented by Debra Lew Harder, with specialist commentary by Ira Siff, in the first of a season of Met broadcasts.

Catán Florencia en el Amazonas

Florencia Rosalba, journalist
Steamboat captain
Arcadio, his nephew
Riolobo, first mate
Paula
Álvoro

Ailyn Pérez (soprano)
Gabriella Reyes (soprano)
Greer Grimsley (bass-baritone)
Mario Chang (tenor)
Mattia Olivieri (baritone)
Fabiola Herrera (mezzo)
Michael Chiodi (baritone)

New York Metropolitan Opera Chorus and Orchestra, conductor Yannick Nézet-Séguin

10.00 New Music Show

Kate Molleson with the second of two programmes featuring performances from last month's Huddersfield Contemporary Music Festival, including premieres of Swiss composer Jürg Frey's vocal work *Because I Could Not Stop for Death* and Berlin-based London-born composer Rebecca Saunders's ensemble piece *Skull*.

12.00 Freeness

Corey Mwamba's UK tour continues with new free jazz from Birmingham's improvised music scene, with veteran promoter Tony Dudley-Evans sharing memories about his favourite gigs and saxophonist and educator Alicia Gardener-Trejo's discussing emerging talent from the city. Plus a track from new quartet Superless, and Rahma Quartet with improvisations on a Persian poem.

1.00am Through the Night

With John Shea, who begins this sequence of music with a concert recorded in Sydney in December 2022.
Paul Stanhope *Ocean Planet* **Britten** *Violin Concerto*
Hoist *The Planets* **Arron Haveron** (violin), Ladies of the Sydney Philharmonia Choirs, director Elizabeth Scott, Sydney Symphony Orchestra, conductor James Judd **2.40 Schubert** *Piano Sonata in A minor, D537*
3.01 Dvorak *Piano Quintet in A, Op 81* **3.40 Lucie** *Missa Iubilatis* **4.08 D Scarlatti** *Sonata in B minor, Kk87*
4.15 Debussy *Gigues (Images pour orchestre)*
4.23 Frano Matusic *Two Croatian Folk Songs*
4.29 Corelli *Trio Sonata in C, Op 3 No 8*
4.37 Chaminade *Flute Concertino, Op 107*
4.45 Diepenbrock *Puisque l'aube grandit*
4.52 Telemann *Trumpet Concerto in D, TWV51:D7*
5.01 Berlioz *Overture: Béatrice et Bénédict*
5.09 Prokofiev *Sarcasmes, Op 17*
5.19 Monteverdi *Dixit Dominus (Psalm 110)*
5.27 Hellendaaal *Cello Sonata in G, Op 5 No 8*
5.37 Bartok, arr **Willner** *Romanian Folk Dances*
5.45 Jeanjean *Prelude and Scherzo* **5.54 Ravel** *Piano Trio* **6.20 Kuula** *Fairy-Tale Pictures, Op 19* **6.36 Purcell** *Come, Ye Sons of Art (Ode for Queen Mary's Birthday)*

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Alan Titchmarsh **10.00 Aled Jones**
1.00pm Alexander Armstrong Classical music.
4.00 Moira Stuart's Classic FM Hall of Fame Concert Classic FM Hall of Fame works played in full, including some festive music. Featuring Nigel Hess, Tchaikovsky, Mozart, Praetorius, Sibelius, Smetana, Grieg and Philip Lane.

7.00 Saturday Night at the Movies

With Jonathan Ross, who showcases some of the year's biggest films. Featuring highlights of scores by John Williams (*Indiana Jones* and *The Dial of Destiny*), Alan Menken and Lin-Manuel Miranda (*The Little Mermaid*) and Ludwig Göransson (*Oppenheimer*).

9.00 David Mellor's Melodies A wintry playlist.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass.

1.00am Katie Breathwick **4.00 Sam Pitts**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

8.00am Frank Skinner **11.00** Sarah Champion **2.00pm** Rock 'n' Roll Football **5.00** Indie Disco **7.00** Classic Rock Party **10.00** Sophie K **4.00am** Emil Franchi



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News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 6.04am, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 12.15am
Shipping forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day A prayer and reflection with the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

5.45 New Storytellers

2/5. A journey of discovery beneath the waves to look at the importance of sound to sea creatures, revealing how it is an essential part of being for everything from whales, dolphins and porpoises to the smallest invertebrates.
 Producer Lottie Steele (R)

6.00 News and Papers**6.07 Open Country**

6/15. Archaeologist Rose Ferraby visits the major Roman site of Vindolanda, just south of Hadrian's Wall in Northumberland, and its endangered sister site of Magna.
 Repeated from Thursday

6.30 Farming Today This Week

News about food, farming and the countryside.

7.00 Today

With Mishal Husain and Nick Robinson.

7.25, 8.25 Sports News**7.48 Thought for the Day**

With the Rev Dr Rob Marshall.

9.00 Saturday Live

Nikki Bedi and Jon Kay are joined by model and fashion designer David Gandy. Plus the Inheritance Tracks of another celebrity.
 Producer Ben Mitchell

10.00 Your Place or Mine

9/12. Comedian and writer Rob Auton makes the case for Shaun Keaveny to visit Reykjavik. Iceland offers the opportunity to enjoy a cold drink in a thermal spa, while gawping at the northern lights and listening to Sigur Rós. Rob Auton paints a beautiful picture of the world's most northerly capital, but is it all too much for Shaun? Available on BBC Sounds since 6 December.
 Producers Beth O'Dea and Sarah Goodman

10.30 The Kitchen Cabinet

4/7. Jay Rayner and his team of culinary experts are in Wigan for this week's episode. He's joined by Rob Owen Brown, Nisha Katona, Sophie Wright and Dr Annie Gray.
 Producer Dan Cocker; Executive producer Hannah Newton Repeated Tuesday 3pm

11.00 The Week in Westminster

The week's political proceedings.

11.30 From Our Own Correspondent

Global reports from BBC correspondents.

12.04pm Money Box

The latest from the world of personal finance, including impartial advice.
 Repeated tomorrow 9pm

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BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 **Freesat** 708 **Sky** 0126 **Virgin** 910

6.00am The Third Gentleman as 5pm

7.30 My Name Is Why as 6.30pm

8.45 Uncle Mort's South Country as 7.45pm

9.00 Not in Front of the Children as 2pm

9.30 Whack-O! as 8.30pm

10.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird as 9pm

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4.00 The Double Jonathan Holloway's 21st-century-sei reimagining of Fyodor Dostoyevsky's second novel – a nightmare vision of a lonely civil servant driven to madness when his life is stolen by a doppelganger. From 2018

5.00 CHOICE: The Third Gentleman Drama by Ian Rankin, set in 1790s Edinburgh and starring Alexander Morton as Rankin's roguish and low-born sleuth Mr Cullender (Cully), here investigating a two-time murderer. With Wendy Seager. From 1997

6.30 My Name Is Why Poet and writer Lemn Sissay reads from his memoir about growing up in Britain's care system during the 1970s and 1980s, and the redemptive power of poetry (1–5/5)

12.30 The Now Show

6/6. Steve Punt and Hugh Dennis are joined by Geoff Norcott and music act Peter Rugman for a satirical look through the week's news.
 Rptd from yesterday Rptd Monday 11pm Radio 4 Extra

1.00 News**1.10 Any Questions?**

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum from St Matthew's Church in Burnley, Lancashire.
 Repeated from yesterday

2.00 Any Answers?

Listeners have their say on the week's issues.
 PHONE: 0370 010 0444 Lines open from 12.30pm
 EMAIL: any.answers@bbc.co.uk

2.45 The Planet Earth Podcast

7/8. Mike Gunton goes behind the scenes on the wildlife series, talking to David Attenborough and the film-makers. Available on BBC Sounds since 3 December.

3.00 Drama: Sweeney Todd and the String of Pearls

1/2. Rosalind Ayres directs Archie Scottney's 2021 adaptation of the 1846–47 "penny dreadful" that in 18 parts first introduced the demon barber Sweeney Todd to the world.

Sweeney Todd Martin Jarvis Arabella Elizabeth Knowlenden
 Mrs Lovett Joanne Whalley Mr Oakley Julian Sands
 Colonel Jeffrey Rufus Sewell Major Bounce Ian Ogilvy
 Sir Richard Blunt Jonathan Cake Mr Grant Alan Shearman
 Mark Jack Cutmore-Scott Morgan/Captain Neil Dickson
 Tobias Darren Richardson Thornhill/Mundel/Crotchset
 Joanna Moira Quirk Matthew Wolf
 Director Rosalind Ayres (R)

4.00 Weekend Woman's Hour

Presented by Anita Rani.

5.00 Saturday PM With Caroline Wyatt.**5.30 Sliced Bread**

11/12. Greg Foot and his guests explore some of the claims made about bedding products.
 Repeated from Thursday

6.00 Six o'Clock News**6.15 Loose Ends**

Clive Anderson and Emma Freud are joined by Martin Kemp and Suranne Jones. With music from Roachford and Ify Iwobi.
 Producer Sukey Firth Repeated tomorrow 9.30pm

7.00 Profile

An insight into a person who is making the headlines. Repeated tomorrow 5.45am and 5.40pm

7.15 The Infinite Monkey Cage

5/7. Hollywood in Space. Brian Cox and Robin Ince peer review Hollywood movies set in space, joined by a panel of experts including astronauts Tim Peake, Nicole Stott and Susan Kilrain alongside Oscar-winning special effects director Paul Franklin. Tim, Nicole and Susan fact-check how space travel and astronauts are portrayed in movies such as *Gravity* and *The Martian*, while Brian and Robin argue about Robin's lack of enthusiasm for *Star Wars*. All episodes available on BBC Sounds.
 Executive producer Alexandra Feachem
 Repeated Monday 4pm

7.45 Uncle Mort's South Country Series two of the comedy adventure by Peter Tinniswood. With Stephen Thorne. From 1990 (2/5)

8.00 Not in Front of the Children Richard Waring's radio adaptation of his own 1967–70 TV comedy series, with Wendy Craig re-creating her starring role. Series two. From 1970 (1/13)

8.30 Whack-O! Radio adaptation by David

Climie of Frank Muir and Denis Norden's TV sitcom about a scheming headmaster at B-list Chiselbury School. From 1962

9.00 Jim Morrison's Will to be Weird Paul Gambaccini celebrates the mystique of Jim Morrison (1943–71) with the help of the BBC

archive, including *The Marriage of Heaven and Hell* (1991). First broadcast (as a three-hour programme) in 2018 on what would have been the California rock star's 75th birthday (2/3)

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Fab TV (1/4), at

10.30 Mark Thomas: the Manifesto (4/4), at

11.00 That Mitchell and Webb Sound (2/6), at

11.30 The Croft and Pearce Show (2/4), and at

11.45 My Booze Hell by Little Johnny

Cartilage With Peter Serafinowicz (2/4)

12.00 The Destruction Factor James Follett's

sci-fi thriller. (6/6) **12.30am The Price of Fear**

Vincent Price with René Basilio's chilling tale *Fish*

1.00 as 5pm **2.30** as 6.30pm **3.45** as 7.45pm

4.00 as 8pm **4.30** as 8.30pm **5.00** as 9pm

8.00 Archive on 4: The Art of Silence

RT The extraordinary story of mime artist Marcel Marceau's wartime work with the Jewish French resistance and how his father's death in Auschwitz fed into his gentle, pacifist work. Narrated by his two daughters, Aurélia and Camille.
 Producer Victoria Ferran

See feature: page 112

9.00 Drama: Border Call

Political drama by Hugh Costello. In 2027 Secretary of State for Northern Ireland Helen Graham faces Sinn Féin becoming the majority party in the Stormont Assembly and calling for a referendum on a united Ireland. The Anglo-Irish Graham goes on a fact-finding mission but only finds a traumatic event from her past. Also available now on BBC Sounds.

Helen Graham Jane Slavin Andrew Tayla Kovacevic-Ebong
 Emily Cooke Bronagh Waugh Moriarty/Finnerty
 Jennifer/Maureen Stephen Hogan

Frances Tomelty

Director Eoin O'Callaghan (R)

9.45 Short Works

Love Is Mortifying, by Gina Donnelly. A chance encounter one night leads to a surprising connection and relationship. As time passes, the couple face challenges and their story takes an unexpected turn. Read by Catherine Rees. Producer Geraldine Smyth (R)

10.00 News**10.15 Add to Playlist**

9/9. Violinist and composer Anna Phoebe and the tuba player and composer Theon Cross join Cerys Matthews and Jeffrey Boakye to add more tracks to the playlist. Rptd from yesterday

11.00 Brain of Britain

17/17. Russell Davies hosts the grand final, with contestants from Surrey, Cambridge, Hertfordshire and Essex. Repeated from Monday

11.30 Dead Hand

1/5. Number Stations. Contemporary thriller set in Northern Ireland, by Stuart Drennan. Greg is the host of a true-crime podcast dedicated to uncovering the identity of a serial killer, last active over 20 years ago, known only as Dead Hand. Recent events prompt Greg to realise that Dead Hand may be active once more. However, time is limited and he needs to crack a code to catch the killer. All episodes available on BBC Sounds.

Greg Paul Mallon Stacey Eimear Fearon
 D Murray Michelle Fairley Daniel Desmond Eastwood
 Kate Roisin Gallagher Assistant Jo Nicky Harley
 Lucy Hannah Eggleton Operator Louise Parker
 Producer Michael Shannon (R)

12.00 News and Weather**12.15–12.45am Poetry Please**

2/4. Roger McGough is joined by Jackie Kay, who picks out poems from listener requests, with works by WB Yeats, Roger Robinson, Norman MacCaig and Ntozake Shange. Rptd from Sunday

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview 710 **Freesat** 711 **Sky** 0115 **Virgin** 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freeview, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am The Newsroom **5.30** Amazing Sport

Stories: The Curse of County Mayo (2/3) **5.50**

More or Less **6.00** Weekend **9.00** News **9.05**

BBC OS Conversations **9.30** Pick of the World

9.50 Over to You **10.00** News **10.05** Sports Hour

11.00 The Newsroom **11.30** Unspun World with

John Simpson **12.00** News **12.05pm** World

Questions: challenges facing Zambia **1.00**

Newshour **2.00** Sportsworld **6.00** The Newsroom

6.30 Amazing Sport Stories: The Curse of County

Mayo: Dave McKenna hears from the last remaining

member of the supposedly cursed 1951 Mayo

All-Ireland squad (2/3) **6.50** Sporting Witness

7.00 News **7.05** The Reith Lectures: Ben Ansell

delivers his second lecture, *The Future of Security*.

Repeated from Wednesday R4 (2/4) **8.00** News

8.05 The Arts Hour **9.00** Newshour **10.00** The

Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** Assignment

11.05 Music Life **12.00** News **12.05am** BBC OS

Conversations **12.30** Amazing Sport Stories **12.50**

Sporting Witness **1.00** News **1.05** Unexpected

Elements **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Health

Check **3.00** News **3.05** World Questions **4.00**

News **4.05** From Our Own Correspondent

4.30 The Explanation **4.50** Sporting Witness

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 **F'sat** 705 **Sky** 0105 **Virgin** 905
Sports Extra **F'view** 706 **F'sat** 706
Sky 0131 **Virgin** 908

News and sport bulletin every half-hour
 Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am 5 Live Boxing**6.00 Saturday Breakfast**

Presented by Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd.

9.00 Patrick Kielty

11.00 Fighting Talk Rick Edwards plays judge and jury.

12.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news, including updates from one of today's matches. He's joined by guests for football discussion, including build-up to the **3.00pm** Premier League commentary. And at **5.00 Sports Report**, followed at **5.30** by Aston Villa v Arsenal in the Premier League.

7.30 6-0-6 Robbie Savage and Chris Sutton with a football phone-in.

9.00 Stephen Nolan**12.00 Gangster: the Story of the Burger Bar Boys 3&4/6**

The story of the crack cocaine trade operated by a Birmingham gang born out of the Handsworth riots in 1985, and the senseless 2003 murders of two teenage girls. All episodes available on BBC Sounds

1.00am Anna Jameson

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports-extra

F'view 706 **F'sat** 706 **Sky** 0131 **Virgin** 908

8.10am–11.30 Cricket Melbourne Renegades v Hobart Hurricanes in the Women's Big Bash League

3.00pm–5.15 Rugby Union

Bath Rugby v Ulster in the European Champions Cup (kick-off **3.15**).

7.55–10.00 Rugby Union

Bristol Bears v Lyon in the European Champions Cup (kick-off **8.00**).

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 **F'sat** 731 **Sky** 0108 **Virgin** 927

6.00am GameDay Breakfast**9.00 GameDay Warm Up****11.00 Premier League Football**

Crystal Palace v Liverpool (kick-off **12.30pm**).

2.30pm GameDay Live**5.30 The GameDay Phone-In****7.30 The Mark Goldbridge Show****9.00 Fight Night** Boxing news.**12.00 A Talksport Special****1.00am Extra Time**

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

12 noon–2.30pm Championship

Football Blackburn Rovers v

Leeds United (kick-off **12.30**).

2.30pm–5.00 Premier League

Football A 3pm kick-off.

5.00–1.00am One-Day

International Cricket West Indies

v England in the third ODI.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) **DAB** lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 **F'sat** 734 **Sky** 0123 **Virgin** 919

7.00am Andrew Castle **10.00** Matt

Frei **1.00pm** Sangita Myska **4.00**

Ali Miral **7.00** Natasha Devon **9.00**

Legal Hour **10.00** Nick Abbot

1.00am Clive Bull **4.00** Oli Dugmore

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Chloe Tilley and Calum

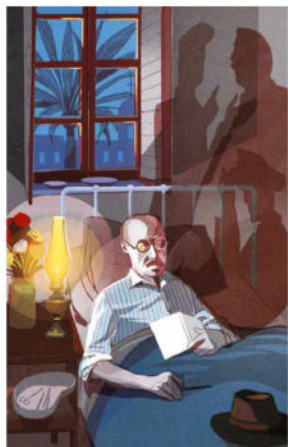
Macdonald **10.00** Hugo Rifkind

1.00pm Alexis Conran **4.00** Ayesha

Hazarika **7.00** Times Podcasts

SUNDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Drama on 3: All I Was When I Wasn't Anyone

7.30pm **Radio 3**

As well as publishing under his own name, the Portuguese poet Fernando Pessoa couldn't stop inventing writers to attribute his work to. Owen Shears's drama opens at the end of Pessoa's life, when three of his best known poetic creations, Alberto Caeiro, Alvaro de Campos and Ricardo Reis, embark on a journey through Lisbon and through time to learn more about their maker. Introduced by Joao Luis Barreto Guimaraes, winner of last year's prestigious Pessoa Prize and voice of Pessoa in the play, which is alive with the sounds of Lisbon and live fado from Porto. **FIONA HUGHES**

Sunday Feature: Recording on the Nomad's Trail

6.45pm **Radio 3**

Nomadic ethnomusicologist Deben Bhattacharya (1921–2001) left Benares in India for London, determined to interest the BBC in Indian folk music. His first broadcast was in 1952 and he then travelled much of the world, recording, writing and filming. This programme's presenter, musician Paul Purgas, located hundreds of tapes in a Swedish archive. Bhattacharya's work led to the commercialisation of world music, but Purgas also raises the morality of exploiting musicians who may not always have known they were being recorded. **DAVID MCGILLIVRAY**

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p113 Desert Island Discs

11.15am **Radio 4**

With *Strictly*'s Shirley Ballas.

Love Stories: Kiss of the Spider Woman

3.00pm **Radio 4**

The classic Argentinian drama.

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

6.00am Chillout Anthems **7.00** Breakfast **10.00** Anthems **11.00** Nat O'Leary **12.00** Radio 110s **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **4.00** Life Hacks **6.00** Official Chart: First Look **7.00** Chillist Show **9.00** Indie Show **11.00** BBC Introducing **12.00** Future Soul **1.30am** UK R&B Mix **2.00** Decompression Session **3.00** Chill Mix **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.00am Good Morning Sunday The Rev Kate Bottley and Jason Mohammad with faith discussion music, and guests, including an hour-long chat with Cliff Richard to mark his 65 years in the music business. Plus highlights of the recent BBC Young Chorister of the Year final, with input by the junior and senior winners. **9.00 Steve Wright's Sunday Love Songs** Personal dedications. **11.00 The Michael Ball Show** With Luke Evans – currently on the West End stage in the hit *Backstairs Billy* – and survivalist Bear Grylls. **1.00pm Elaine Paige on Sunday** **3.00 Sounds of the 70s with Johnnie Walker** **5.00 Rob Beckett** **7.00 Tony Blackburn's Golden Hour** Pop and soul oldies. **8.00 The Paul Gambaccini Collection** **10.00 Radio 2 Unwinds with Angela Griffin** **12.00 Sam Quek** **3.00am Alternative Sounds of the 90s with Dermot O'Leary** A 1990s party playlist, including the KLF, the Prodigy, Audio Bullys, SL2 and Beck. **4.00 Wynne Evans** Sitting in for Owain Wyn Evans.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

6.00am Amy Lamé **8.00 Radcliffe and Maconie** **10.00 Cerys Matthews** With Lætitia Sadier (of Stereolab). **1.00pm Guy Garvey's Finest Hour** **4.00 Bill Nighy** First of four shows in which the Oscar-nominated actor sits in for Iggy Pop with personal picks. He starts with Prince, Meshell Ndegeocello, the National, boygenius and more. **6.00 Now Playing @6Music** **8.00 Stuart Maconie's Freak Zone** **10.00 Lose Yourself with...** **12.00 Classic Essential Mix** A two-hour 1996 mix by Andrew Weatherall (1963–2020), followed at **2.00am** by Trentemøller in 2006. **4.00 BBC Introducing Mixtape** **5.00 Chris Hawkins**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW

6.00am Jenny Powell **10.00** Mark Goodier **1.00pm** Simon Mayo **4.00** Greatest Hits Superstars **5.00** The Smash Hits Years **7.00** Boogie and Arlene **10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

7.00am Rod Whiting **10.00** Les Ross **12.00** Vintage Charts: 1970 and 1980 **2.00pm** Simon Bates **4.00** Judi Spiers **6.00** Requests with Paul Robey **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Barbara Dickson's Choices **10.00** Bill Bingham **12.00** Night Music

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather 7.00am, 8.00 and 1.00pm

7.00am Breakfast With Martin Handley.

9.00 Sunday Morning

Sarah Walker with a festive playlist, including works by Tchaikovsky and Prokofiev and a haunting Advent carol by London composer Cecilia McDowall. Plus music by "the Estonian Sibelius".

12.00 Private Passions

Michael Berkeley welcomes Ottoline Leyser, Regius professor of botany at the University of Cambridge and a specialist in the hormone auxin, which controls the growth of plants. Her choices include Mozart, Vaughan Williams and Debussy.

1.00pm Clive Myrie at Christmas

2/4. A Seasonal Classical Selection. BBC news presenter and *Mastermind* quiz host Clive introduces classical favourites to celebrate the festive period. This week's playlist includes music from a favourite Yuletide film, upbeat Christmas music from Nigeria, a carol by Jonathan Rathbone sung by vocal ensemble Tenebrae, and a seasonal favourite from Saint-Saëns.

2.00 The Early Music Show

Lucie Skeaping explores the music of German viol player and composer Carl Friedrich Abel (1723–87). Plus Mark Seow with *Early Music News*.

3.00 Choral Evensong

Choral Vespers from the Church of Our Lady of Victories on 30 November, featuring the Schola Cantorum of Cardinal Vaughan Memorial School. Introit: O Radiant Dawn (James MacMillan); Hymn: Conditor alme siderum (Plainsong); Psalm 26 (Plainsong); Canticle: Colossians 1, vv12–20; Magnificat Secundi Toni (Valls); Motet: Laetentur coeli (Byrd); Antiphon: Alma redemptoris mater a8 (Victoria); Voluntary: Prelude in C minor, BWV546 (Bach). Repeated from Wednesday

4.00 Jazz Record Requests

Alyn Shipton with a broad spectrum of jazz.

5.00 The Listening Service

Tom Service explores the musical life of New York City (the city that never sleeps), from its underground scene to Superman's skies, from Bach in the subway to *King Kong*, by way of Varese, Thomas Adès and Bernstein. Repeated Friday 4.30pm

5.30 Words and Music

A programme inspired by the title of role-playing game Dungeons & Dragons, featuring Smaug from Tolkien's *The Hobbit*, the poem by Ogden Nash that inspired the song *Puff the Magic Dragon* and the Welsh dragon in *The Mabinogion*. Plus John Bunyan, Samuel Taylor Coleridge, Emily Brontë and Andrew Marvell, with music by Mozart, Wagner and Tan Dun, and the folk song *The Lambton Worm*. First broadcast November 2021. (R)

6.45 Sunday Feature: Recording on the Nomads' Trail

Musician Paul Purgas celebrates the legacy of Deben Bhattacharya (1921–2001), the unheralded godfather of Indian field recording,

Scala Radio

DAB scalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Hannah Cox At **8.00** the Piano Playlist.

10.00 Simon Mayo Including new recordings by Les Sicles and pianist Aaron Pilson. Plus the *Label Showcase*, today celebrating ASV, founded in 1981.

12.00 YolanDa Brown Including picks for children.

3.00pm Jack Pepper Classical favourites.

5.00 The West End Weekend on Scala Radio

Sam Hughes celebrates the music of London's West End.

6.00 The Best of the Guests with Penny Smith

Highlights of 2023 interviews with Dawn French, Jacqueline Wilson, Helen Mirren and Lenny Henry.

8.00 Sunday Night Scala Including the *Violin Sonata in A* by César Franck, born on this day in 1822.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Old Skool Mix **7.00** R&B Anthems **8.00** Smash Bengali **10.00** Throwbacks **11.00** Gagan Grewal **12.00** Celebrates **1.00pm** Dipsa Bhamrah **3.00** Nadia Ali

5.00 Kan D Man **7.00** Priti **9.00** Noreen Khan **11.00** Chill **12.00** Motivation **1.00am** Asian Network News

Presents **2.00** Celebrates **4.00** Bobby Friction

whose work shaped how the West listened to the sounds of South Asia and beyond. He produced more than 100 records and 23 films, published more than a dozen books, and left more than 400 hours of tape recordings. Purgas charts Bhattacharya's journey, from his early life in India to his work with the BBC, where in the 1950s he introduced Indian music to British listeners. Producer Gabriel Francis

7.30 Drama on 3: All I Was When I Wasn't Anyone

A new play by Owen Shears about Lisbon-born poet and critic Fernando Pessoa (1888–1935), who during his lifetime was largely unknown but is now regarded as one of the great modern poets. Pessoa was the inventor of 75 Portuguese poets, to whom he gave whole identities, all versions of himself. In this play, Pessoa lies on his deathbed, surrounded by three of his most-loved literary creations: the poets Alberto Caeiro, Alvaro de Campos and Ricardo Reis. Recorded on location in Porto and introduced by Joao Luis Barreto Guimaraes, winner in 2022 of the prestigious Pessoa Prize and who voices the part of Pessoa.

Fernando Pessoa	Ricardo Reis	Rui Maria Pego
Joao Luis Barreto Guimaraes	Maria	Sofia Espirito Santo
Alberto Caeiro	Jaime Monsanto	Ophelia
Alvaro de Campos	Pedro Manana	Young Pessoa
Producer Emma Balch		Nuno Orrego

8.25 Record Review Extra

Hannah French expands on yesterday's show, including the recommended recording of Bruckner's monumental Eighth Symphony, played in full.

11.00 Round the Horn with Felix Klieser

2/3. The Horn's Coming of Age. German-born French horn player Felix Klieser takes a voyage through the history of his instrument. In his next instalment he looks at how it works, how to play it, and how it has changed over the years.

12.00 Classical Fix

In an edition recorded live before an audience at the Hay Festival, Linton Stephens creates a playlist for author Jojo Moyes, from Rameau to Copland. (R)

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea. Beginning with a chamber concert recorded in summer 2023 at the Pau Casals Festival in Prades. **Martin**

Three Madrigals **Beethoven** Violin Sonata No 5 in F, Op 24 (*Spring*) **Brahms** Piano Quintet in F minor, Op 34 **Pinchas Zukerman** and Yamen Saadi (violins), Sara Ferrández (viola), Amanda Forsyth (cello), Shai Wosner (piano) **1.49 JS Bach, orch Schoenberg** Choral Prelude: Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist, BWV631

1.52 Martinu Symphony No 4 **2.31 Rebel** Les élémens **2.55 Chopin** Three Polonaises **3.16 Grieg** Peer Gynt Suite No 1, Op 46 **3.30 Palestrina** Ave regina caelorum

3.35 Schubert Overture: Die Zauberpfeife, D644 (*Rosamunde*) **3.46 CPE Bach** Flute Sonata in F, Wq133 (*Hamburger*) **3.53 Lilburn** Diversions **4.10 Handel** Theodora, HWV68 (excerpts) **4.22 Scarlatti** Keyboard Sonata in G, Kk91 (arr Avital for mandolin and harpsichord)

4.31 Mozart Overture: Don Giovanni **4.37 Wren** Sonatina, Op 15 **4.48 Sermisy** Five chansons **4.58 Gipsy** Jane Grey Fantasy, Op 15 **5.09 Haydn** Keyboard Sonata in G, HVI 39 **5.23 Vivaldi** Recorder Concerto in A minor, RV108 **5.31 Mendelssohn** String Quintet No 2 in B flat, Op 87 **6.01 Van der Stucken** Symphonic Prologue to Heinrich Heine's Tragedy William Ratcliff

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

7.00am Aled Jones With a *Choral Classic* at **8.15**.

10.00 Andrew Marr Andrew's playlist marks today's birthday of Korean-American violinist Sarah Chang and continues an observance of Advent with a new recording of John Rutter's *Sans Day Carol*.

1.00pm Joanna Gosling Classical favourites, today including a recording by Aled Jones of the *Panis angelicus* by César Franck, born this day in 1822.

4.00 John Humphrys Personal picks.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven With Charlotte Hawkins, whose *Young Classical Star* is 24-year-old trumpeter Lucienne Renaudin Vary.

9.00 Moira Stuart Meets... **10/12.** This week Moira invites Geri Halliwell-Horner (of the Spice Girls) to share her love of classical music.

10.00 Calm Classics With Myleene Klass.

1.00am Bill Overton **4.00 Lucy Coward**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

8.00am Jason Manford **11.00** Sarah Champion

2.00pm Rock 'n' Roll Football **6.00** Request Show

8.00 Sunday Night Music Club **12.00** Dan Noble



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4

Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) T10 (LW)

Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 9.00, 12 noon, 1.00pm, 2.00, 3.00, 5.00 then hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 6.57am, 7.57, 12.57pm, 5.57, 9.59, 12.15am
Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW), 5.54pm, 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Bells on Sunday From the Parish Church of Holy Trinity, St Austell in Cornwall.

5.45 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

6.00 News Summary

6.05 Something Understood
Turmoil and Tranquillity. Mark Tully ponders the best conditions for encouraging creativity, talking to Karen Armstrong about how it cannot be hurried, and why both chaos and calm can be conducive to the artistic process.
 Producer Eley McAlinsh (R)

6.35 Natural Histories

1/5. Penguin. Brett Westwood celebrates the cultural significance of the penguin and asserts they are like us: they stand upright, they travel in groups, they communicate all the time and they walk (or waddle) on land.
 Producer Sarah Blunt (R)

7.00 News; Sunday Papers

7.10 Sunday Religious and ethical issues.

7.54 The Radio 4 Appeal

Toby Buckland makes an appeal on behalf of Ripple Effect.

Producer Katy Takatsuki Rptd 9.25pm and Thu 3.27pm
 DONATIONS: Freepost BBC Radio 4 Appeal, marked Ripple Effect on the back of the envelope;
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 online via the Radio 4 website

8.00 News; Sunday Papers

8.10 Sunday Worship

The historic church of St Cadoc's in the village of Llancarfan, Vale of Glamorgan, is adorned with recently discovered medieval wall paintings. The ancient illustrations depict George and the Dragon, the Seven Virtues and the Seven Deadly Sins. It is with this backdrop that Canon Edwin Counsell, leader of the Glamorgan Heritage Coast Ministry Area for the Church in Wales, reflects on the theme for the Second Sunday of Advent, "Deliver Us from Evil". Counsell is joined by ecclesiastical historian Dr Madeleine Grey, who helps tease out the significance of these ancient depictions of the battle between good and evil, in this time of advent reflection.

8.48 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue. Rptd from Friday

8.58 Tweet of the Day

Brett Westwood with the great shearwater. (R)

9.00 Broadcasting House

A discussion on the week's major headline stories. Presented by Paddy O'Connell.

10.00 The Archers Omnibus edition.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra in 2016

6.30 The Offing as 5.30pm

7.40 Inheritance Tracks as 6.40pm

7.50 The Readers of Broken Wheel

Recommend as 6.50pm

9.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

9.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm

10.00 Desert Island Discs as 9pm

10.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories

11.00 Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra in 2016

11.30 The Offing as 5.30pm

12.40pm Inheritance Tracks as 6.40pm

12.50 The Readers of Broken Wheel

Recommend as 6.50pm

2.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

A 1976 edition of the 1975–78 Radio 2 comedy series

2.30 The Navy Lark as 8.30pm

3.00 Desert Island Discs as 9pm

3.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories

4.00 The Destruction Factor James Follett's sci-fi thriller. With TP McKenna, Paul Copley and Rosalind Adams. From 1978 (6/6)

4.30 The Price of Fear Vincent Price introduces René Basilio's tale *Fish*, about a philanthropic movie director. With Bil Kerr and others. From 1973

5.00 Poetry Extra With Daljit Nagra in 2016

11.15 Desert Island Discs

RT Lauren Laverne talks to *Strictly Come Dancing* head judge Shirley Ballas, ahead of Saturday's final, hearing about her life, her career and her favourite eight records.
See choice: page 113.

Producer Paula McGinley Repeated Friday 9am

12.04pm I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

4/6. Pippa Evans, Andy Hamilton, Tony Hawks and the Rev Richard Coles are the panellists in this recording from the De Montfort Hall in Leicester, with Jack Dee in the chair.
 Rptd from Monday Rptd tomorrow 10pm Radio 4 Extra

12.30 The Food Programme

Leyla Kazim speaks to Dan Buettner, author of *The Blue Zones* about what his research could tell us about how to live longer and healthier.
 Producer Natalie Donovan Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

1.00 The World This Weekend

Presented by Edward Stourton.

1.30 Behind the Crime

2/3. Forensic psychologists Sally Tilt and Kerensa Hocken examine the story of Gary, who served a prison sentence for his role in the supply for £4.2 million of heroin. Gary developed strategies to help him fit in with other children in school – which sparked a chain of events that led him to imprisonment and into the world of conceptual art.
 Producer Andrew Wilkie; Editor Clare Fordham

2.00 Gardeners' Question Time

Chair Kathy Clugston is joined by Chris Thorogood, Anne Swithinbank and Matthew Wilson. Repeated from Friday

2.45 Opening Lines

Kiss of the Spider Woman. John Yorke unpacks Manuel Puig's 1976 novel *Kiss of the Spider Woman*, and shows how the book celebrates the power not only of human connection but also the imagination.
 Producer Geoff Bird

3.00 Love Stories: Kiss of the Spider Woman

RT Manuel Puig's stage play, translated by Allan Baker. Marxist revolutionary Valentín and gay window dresser Molina, imprisoned for his sexuality, share a cell in 1970s Argentina and form a close bond that helps them endure their imprisonment. However, Molina carries the burden of knowing that informing on his cellmate will secure him an early release. **See choice:** p113.

Valentin Alfred Enoch Warden John Lightbody
 Molina Kadiff Kirwan
 Producer/Director Nadia Molinari

4.30 Poetry Please

3/4. Jamaican poet and scholar Jason Allen-Paisant joins Roger McGough, sharing a selection of listener-requested poems, including the words of Caleb Femi, Elizabeth Bishop, Wordsworth and Ted Hughes.

Producer Alice McKee Repeated Saturday 12.15am
 Requests to: Poetry Please, BBC, Bristol BS8 2LR
 EMAIL: poetry.please@bbc.co.uk or call 0370 010 0400

5.30 The Offing Period drama by Benjamin Myers. One summer following the Second World War, 16-year-old Robert Appleyard sets out from his Durham mining village, desperate to see something of the world before he goes down the pit. Read by Kevin Whately. From 2019 (6–10/10)

6.40 Inheritance Tracks Actor and musician Johnny Flynn (*Lovesick*, *Emma*.) discusses recordings by Paul Robeson and Arthur Russell

6.50 The Readers of Broken Wheel

Recommend Dramatisation of Katarina Bivald's 2013 debut novel. From 2019 (1–5/5)

8.00 The Eric Morecambe and Ernie Wise Show

8.30 The Navy Lark Sitcom by Lawrie Wyman, about the crew of the HMS *Troutbridge*. From 1968

9.00 Desert Island Discs A 2011 edition with East London-raised dancer and former *Strictly Come Dancing* head judge Len Goodman, who died in April 2023, aged 78

9.45 David Attenborough's Life Stories

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Crash Course. at 10.30 Brian Appleton's *Unofficial*

Multimedia Lecture (6/6), at 10.45 **We Know Everything** (6/6), at 11.00 **Thanks a Lot, Milton Jones!** (3/6) and at 11.30 **Edge Falls** (4/5)

12.00 as 5pm **12.30am** as 5.30pm **1.40** as 6.40pm **1.50** as 6.50pm **3.00** as 2pm **3.30** as 8.30pm **4.00** as 9pm **4.45** as 3.45pm **5.00 On the Eve** Dramatisation of Ivan Turgenev's novel (1/2)

5.00 File on 4

Whistling in the Wind. Michael Buchanan hears from doctors with unblemished careers who were sacked for raising patient safety concerns. The programme reveals the toll felt by those the health service turns on, and the tactics and distortions used to end high-flying careers. Repeated from Tuesday

5.40 Profile Repeated from yesterday 7pm

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.15 Pick of the Week

Julie Hesmondhalgh presents a selection of highlights of the past seven days' BBC radio programmes. Producer Elizabeth Foster

7.00 The Archers

RT Lynda proves a friend indeed and Justin makes the most of his situation.
See choice: page 113.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Scott Bennett: Stuff

Stand-up show recorded at the Stand in Newcastle, in which the comedian and former product designer asks whether it's possible to live a simple life when surrounded by so much stuff. He takes aim at the mindfulness industry, smart technology, aspirational lifestyles, product packaging and paper straws.
 Producer Kurt Brookes Rptd Fri 10pm on Radio 4 Extra

7.45 Love on the Main Line

2/5. East Croydon. By Colin Bytheway. Jess heads to Croydon to begin her quest to find the perfect match for Kev, not knowing he is on a quest of his own. Read by Rasmus Hardiker and Tigger Blaize. Director Celia De Wolff

8.00 Feedback

9/11. Andrea Catherwood presents the programme that holds the BBC to account on behalf of the radio audience. Repeated from Friday

8.30 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased.
 Repeated from Friday

9.00 Money Box Rptd from yesterday 12.04pm

9.25 The Radio 4 Appeal Rptd from 7.54am

9.30 Loose Ends Rptd from yesterday 6.15pm

10.00 The Westminster Hour

11.00 The Reith Lectures

2/4. Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Oxford University, delivers his second lecture – *The Future of Security* – at the Hertie School in Berlin. Introduced by Anita Anand.
 Repeated from Wednesday

12.00 News and Weather

12.15–12.45am Sideways

6/6. A Cinderella Story. Matthew Syed tells the story of how a Cinderella movie from Czechoslovakia in the 1970s became a Christmas tradition across Europe.
 Repeated from Wednesday

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am The Newsroom **5.30** The Documentary: Sweden – Living with Guns and Gangs **6.00** Weekend **9.00** News **9.05** From Our Own Correspondent **9.30** Outlook **10.00** News **10.05** Music Life **11.00** The Newsroom **11.30** The Explanation: Claire Graham unpacks stories in the news (6/10) **11.50** More or Less **12.00** News

12.05pm The Reith Lectures (2/4) **1.00** Newshour **2.00** News **2.05** Music Life: producer, percussionist and composer Carlos Niño hosts the discussion, talking to R&B artist Live, musician Luis Pérez Ixoneztli and rapper and producer Andre 3000 **3.00** News **3.05** Sportsworld **7.00** The Newsroom **8.00** News **8.05** Unexpected Elements

9.00 Newshour **10.00** The Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** Outlook **11.05** The Climate Question **11.30** Pick of the World **11.50** Over to You **12.00** News **12.05am** From Our Own Correspondent **12.30** The Explanation (6/10)

12.50 More or Less **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Happy News **2.00** The Newsroom **2.30** Crowd Science **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World **3.30** Pick of the World **3.50** Over to You

4.00 The Newsroom **4.30** The Conversation

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905

Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706

Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and sport bulletin every half-hour
 Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Newscast

With Adam Fleming and friends.

6.00 5 Live Science

7.00 Sunday Breakfast With

Chris Warburton and Eleanor Oldroyd

10.00 Steffan Powell

12.00 5 Live Sport

Steve Crossman is joined by Nedum Onuoha and Julien Laurens to discuss yesterday's football and look ahead to today's Premier League action, including Everton v Chelsea and Fulham v West Ham United, with live commentary on Luton Town v Manchester City starting at **2.00pm**.
 From **4.00** there's build-up to the

4.30 commentary on Tottenham Hotspur v Newcastle United.

6.30pm 6–0–6 Phone-in.

8.00 Gordon Smart

10.00 Stephen Nolan Topical show.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10–11.30am Cricket Melbourne Renegades v Perth Scorchers in Geelong in the Big Bash League.

1.55pm–4.00pm Premier League

Football Everton v Chelsea in the

Premier League (kick-off **2.00**).

4.00–5.15 Rugby Union Leicester

Tigers v Stormers – the second half of

the European Champions Cup match.

6.30–8.45 Women's Super

League Football Tottenham

Hotspur v Man United (k-o **6.45**).

9.00–1.30am NFL From week 14.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Sports Breakfast

9.00 Sunday Edition

11.00 The Warm Up

1.30pm The Sunday Session

6.30 Final Word

8.30 Fight Night Live Chris

Billam-Smith v Mateusz Masternak, the

WBO world cruiserweight bout.

10.00 Trans Europe Express

12.00 A Talksport Special

1.00am Extra Time

5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

6.00pm–8.30 Fight Night Live

The Chris Billam-Smith v Mateusz

Masternak undercard, with the

main bout on Talksport at 8.30pm.

8.30pm–5.00am NFL American

Football San Francisco 49ers v

Seattle Seahawks (kick-off **9.25**),

Dallas Cowboys v Philadelphia

Eagles (kick-off **1.20**).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Andrew Castle **10.00**

David Lammy **1.00pm** Sangita

Myska **4.00** Ali Miraj **7.00** Rachel

Johnson **10.00** Nick Abbot **1.00am**

Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

6.00am Chloe Tilley and Calum

Macdonald **10.00** Kate McCann

and Adam Boulton **1.00pm** Alexis

Conran **4.00** Ayesha Hazerika **7.00**

Podcasts **8.00** Stories of Our Times

8.30 Red Box **9.00** Highlights **10.00**

Darryl Morris **1.00am** Highlights

MONDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley

9.45am Radio 4 FM

We may as well make the best of the fact that we live in a generally cold climate and that once again we're approaching the depths of winter. This is where the always informative Dr Michael Mosley can help out. In this new series, also a podcast, he shares the almost radical notion that cold weather isn't necessarily something to dread or fight off by wrapping up warm. "The cold," he says, "is at times something we can work with and harness."

There are surprising benefits, apparently: in today's episode he talks about three health boosts that may derive from turning down the thermostat. Later he'll discuss exercise in the cold and the one activity that perhaps we're all aware of – cold water swimming. Rather you than me, thanks.

DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

The Conversation

11.30am/11.30pm

BBC World Service

Kim Chakanetsa meets two inspiring women whose mission is education. Kakenya Ntaiya grew up in a small village with no modern amenities in south-west Kenya. She was lucky enough to gain a doctorate at the University of Pittsburgh, but promised to return home, where in 2009 she established a school for girls. "Girls are for marriage", her chief had said. "There's no need to educate them." She proved him wrong. Since 2003 Shukla Bose, inspired by her work with Mother Teresa, has run schools for children from the slums and orphanages of Bangalore in India. As in Dr Ntaiya's case, almost 100 per cent of the students graduate. Astonishing achievements.

DAVID MCGILLIVRAY

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Daniel P Carter **1.00am** BBC Introducing Rock **2.00** Future Alternative **3.00** Relax in Love **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Nicki Chapman Sitting in for Zoe Ball.
9.30 Vernon Kay Music, chat and features, including at **10.30** the pop quiz **Ten to the Top**, and at **11.40** **Tracks of My Years**, this week featuring – two a day – ten of the favourite records of Essex-born chef, restaurateur and food campaigner Jamie Oliver.
12.00 Jeremy Vine Topical show.
2.00pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
7.00 Jo Whiley
9.00 The Blues Show with Cerys Matthews
10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation
12.00 OJ Borg
3.00 Pick of the Pops **1/2**. Steve Wright recalls this week in 1968, when the Top 20 included Jeannie C Riley, the Jimi Hendrix Experience, Diana Ross and the Supremes, Barry Ryan and Lulu. (R) See tomorrow
4.00 Wynne Evans Sitting in for Owain Wyn Evans.

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Jamz Supernova Sitting in for Mary Anne Hobbs.
1.00pm Craig Charles Music, chat and guests. See also 8.55pm 4 Extra
4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 New Music Fix Daily
9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence: Shygirl **5/8**. A second week of music picks by London rapper and DJ Shygirl (Blane Muise), who co-founded the record label and collective Nuxxe.
10.00 Riley and Coe
12.00 Pet Shop Boys at the BBC BBC archive appearances by Pet Shop Boys kick off five hours devoted to the veteran synthpop duo.
1.00am Pet Shop Boys Live
2.00 pet shop boys, documentary **1&2/4**. Two episodes of Malcolm Prince's acclaimed 2016 Radio 2 series. Neil Tennant and Chris Lowe discuss their 11 Parlophone albums and more. Introduced by Graham Norton.
4.00 The Pet Shop Boys Playlist
5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW

6.00am Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce
1.00pm Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles
10.00 Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott **7.30** John Kettleby's Weather **7.35** Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd **12.00** David Hamilton's Music Show **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** David Hamilton's Million Sellers **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride with Derek Webster **2.00am** Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3

Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather Half-hourly 6.30–8.00am, 1.00pm, 6.00

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.

9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week:

Engelbert Humperdinck (1854–1921)

1/5. Themes of Youth. In a profile of German composer Engelbert Humperdinck, Donald Macleod starts with his early years, when he was taken to concerts in Bonn by his mother and, at 14, in Cologne, heard his first opera (Lortzing's *Undine*, about a fairy-tale water sprite). He did well at the Cologne Conservatoire and won a scholarship to study in Italy, where he met Wagner, his musical idol.

Humperdinck Evening Prayer (Hänsel und Gretel)

Hänsel Susan Graham (mezzo)

Gretel Renée Fleming (soprano)

RPO, conductor Andreas Delfs

Weihnachten Diana Damrau (soprano), North German

Radio Philharmonic, conductor Richard Whilds

Piano Quintet in G, Op 37 (1st mvt)

Andreas Kirpal (piano), Diogenes Quartet

Overture Hänsel und Gretel London Symphony

Orchestra, conductor André Previn

Die Wallfahrt nach Kevlaar (excerpt)

Andrea Chudak (soprano), Malmö Opera Chorus

and Orchestra, conductor Dario Salvi

Nocturno in G

Lydia Dubrovskaya (violin), Diogenes Quartet

Junge Lieder Christina Landshamer (soprano),

Hinrich Alpers (piano)

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Dieskau (baritone), Jonas Kaufmann (tenor), Lucia Popp (soprano),

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1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

From Wigmore Hall in London, Andrew

LIVE McGregor introduces baritone Roderick

Williams and pianist Iain Burnside in a recital of

music from the turn of the 20th century.

Quilter *Love's Philosophy* **Bonis** *Chanson d'amour*

Fauré *Mandoline; En sourdine; Green* **Quilter** *Now*

Sleeps the Crimson Petal **Bonis** *Songe* **Quilter** *Fill*

a Glass with Golden Wine **A Mahler** *Die stille Stadt*

R Clarke *Stimme im Dunkeln* **A Mahler** *Bei dir ist es*

traut **R Clarke** *Aufblick* **A Mahler** *Laue Sommernacht*

Rachmaninov *She Is as Lovely as the Noon,*

Op 14 **No 9 Debussy** *Colloque sentimental*

Rachmaninov *When Yesterday We Met, Op 26* **No 13;**

Oh No, I Beg You, Forsake Me Not!, *Op 4* **No 1**

Debussy *Green; Beau soir* **Rachmaninov** *How Fair*

This Spot, Op 21 **No 7; I Was with Her, Op 14** **No 4**

2.00 **Afternoon Concert** With Ian Skelly.

L Anderson *The Typewriter* Alasdair Malloy

(typewriter), BBC Concert Orchestra/ Leonard Slatkin

Beethoven *Piano Sonata in C sharp minor, Op 27*

No 2 (Moonlight) (3rd mvt) Stephen Hough

Rameau *Suite: Les Indes galantes – suite*

Concert des Nations, Jordi Savall (conductor)

Clara Schumann *Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 7*

(3rd mvt) Lucy Parham, BBC Concert Orchestra,

conductor Barry Wordsworth

Scala Radio

DAB scalalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music and features.

10.00 Penny Smith Including the **Scala Album** of

the week and, after **11.00**, this week's **Listener in**

Residence, who shares favourite recordings daily.

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works.

4.00 Richard Allinson With **Classical Bangers**.

7.00 Mark Forrest At **8.00** the **Peaceful Playlist**.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music Nonstop music.

5.00 In the Park Calming sounds.

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am The Everyday Hustle **7.00** Nikita Kanda

10.00 Certified **11.00** Haroon Rashid **2.00pm**

Certified Throwbacks **3.00** Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby

Friction **8.00** Motivation **10.00** Chill **11.00** News

Presents **12.00** Shades On Mix **1.00am** Bobby

Friction **3.00** R&B Anthems **4.00** Noreen Khan

3.00 Strauss *Also Sprach Zarathustra, Op 30*

Bavarian Radio SO, conductor James Gaffigan

Hummel *Trumpet Concerto in E (1st mvt)*

Hakan Hardenberger, Academy of St Martin in the

Fields, conductor Neville Marriner

Coleridge-Taylor *Overture: The Song of Hiawatha*

BBC NOW, conductor Rumon Gamba

4.30 **New Generation Artists**

Tchaikovsky *Morning Prayer (Children's Album,*

Op 39) Ryan Corbett (accordion)

Franck *Prélude, Fugue et Variation, Op 18*

Mariam Batsashvili (piano)

Lilburn *Violin Sonata No 1*

Geneva Lewis (violin), Evren Ozel (piano)

5.00 **In Tune**

With Sean Rafferty, including after **6.00** a live

performance by ensemble La Vaghezza. See Fri 1pm

7.00 **Classical Mixtape** An inspired playlist.

7.30 **Radio 3 in Concert**

Fiona Talkington with highlights from the Dvorak

Prague International Music Festival in September.

Simona Saturova (soprano), Jozef Benčí (bass),

Paul Lewis (piano), Czech Philharmonic Choir

Brno, Prague Radio SO, conductor Petr Popelka

Brahms *Piano Concerto No 1 in D minor*

Novak *De profundis, Op 67*

Dvorak *Te Deum, Op 103*

9.30 **Compline**

A service from St Thomas's Church in Kirkholt,

Rochdale, featuring the Diocese of Manchester

Choral Scholars. Introit: Advent Prose (Plainsong).

Preces (Plainsong). Hymn: Before the Ending of

the Day (Plainsong). Psalm 28 (Plainsong).

Reading: Isaiah 40, vv3–5. Responsory: Into Thy

Hands, O Lord (Plainsong). Anthem: Veni, veni,

Emmanuel (trad, arr Brian Foy). Cantic: Nunc

dimittis (Plainsong). Anthem: Adam Lay Ybouden

(Matthew Larkin). Director of music Andrew Earls.

10.00 **Music Matters** Repeated from Saturday 11.45am

10.45 **The Essay: Looking at Leeds**

1/5. Series exploring the city of Leeds through its

public art – past, present and future. In this lyrically

poetic essay, Malika Booker considers an

architectural sculptural frieze created by Joseph

Thewlis in 1900 and explores the importance of this

frieze to black people in the city. Producer Polly Thomas

11.00 **Night Tracks** With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.

12.30am **Through the Night** With John Shea.

Tchaikovsky *Piano Concerto No 1 in B flat minor, Op 23*

Shostakovich *Elegy (Ballet Suite No 3)* **Mussorgsky,**

arr Rimsky-Korsakov *A Night on the Bare Mountain,*

Tchaikovsky *Francesca da Rimini, Op 32* Dmitry Masljev

(piano), Hungarian Radio SO, conductor Janos Kovacs

1.47 **Kodaly** *Dances from Galanta (arr for piano)* **2.03**

Schubert *Symphony No 5 in B flat 2.31* **Mokranjac** *The*

Orthodox Liturgy **3.18** **Rautavaara** *A Requiem in Our*

Time, Op 3 **3.30** **Chopin** *Nocturne No 2 in D flat, Op 27*

3.36 **Vivaldi** *Cello Concerto in D minor, RV407* **3.46**

Strauss *Es gibt ein Reich (Ariadne auf Naxos)* **3.52** **Field,**

arr Douglas *Aria: Nocturne and Chanson* **4.00** **Bach**

Flute Sonata in A, BWV1032 **4.13** **Contant** *La charmeuse*

4.16 **Wagner** *Götterdämmerung (excerpts)* **4.31** **Mattón**

Danse bresilienne **4.36** **Martini** *Variations on a Theme*

by Rossini **4.43** **Mozart** *Four Minuets, K601* **4.55**

Moniuszko *The Village Lyre Player* **5.01** **Leclair** *Violin*

Concerto in D, Op 10 **No 3** **5.17** **Fauré** *Nocturne No 6 in*

D flat, Op 63 **5.26** **Grieg** *Peer Gynt: Suite No 1, Op 46*

5.50 **Beethoven** *String Trio in G, Op 9* **No 1** **6.15** **Leopold I**

Motetto de septem doloribus beatae Mariae Virginis (R)

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am **More Music Breakfast** With Tim Lihoreau.

9.00 **Alexander Armstrong**

12.00 **Anne-Marie Minhall** Music and features,

including at **12.00** **Classic FM Requests** – with

listeners phoning in requests during the programme

– and at **3.00** **Hall of Fame 3 at 3**, featuring three

BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News 5.30am, 6.00 and hourly to 12 midnight
Weather 5.56am, 6.07, 6.57, 7.57, 12.57pm,
5.57, 9.59, 12.30am

Shipping Forecasts 5.20am, 12.01pm (LW),
5.54pm (LW), 12.48am

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day A prayer and reflection with the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

5.45 Farming Today

News about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

The herring gull with Steve Backshall. (R)

6.00 Today

Presented by Mishal Husain and Justin Webb.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rt Rev Philip North.

9.00 Start the Week

Small States: Global Impact and Survival

Adam Rutherford hears from former Armenian prime minister and president Armen Sarkissian, historian Margaret MacMillan and journalist Lyse Doucet about the impact of small states on the world. .
Producer Katy Hickman Shortened repeat 9.30pm

9.45 FM Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley

New series. 1/5. Colder Room.

Michael Mosley explores how cold temperatures can improve health, starting with how turning your thermostat down by a few degrees can improve fat and blood sugar metabolism, boost mood, and protect against type 2 diabetes and cardiovascular disease. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Series producer Richard Ward; Editor Zoe Heron Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Sharon Grenham-Thompson. Luke 1, vv26–38. Sans Day Carol, sung by the congregation of Winchester Cathedral; When Christ the Son of Mary (*Quanno nascette Ninno*) (Kora and voices only), performed by Sasha Johnson Manning and Holly Marland (BBC Recording); It Came upon a Midnight Clear, performed by Yvonne and David Lyon.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett.

Editor Karen Dalziel

11.00 Fed with Chris van Tulleken

7/8. Big Chicken. In Brazil, one of the world's biggest chicken and soya producers, reporter Leonardo Milano hears accusations of threats and pollution relating to the feed sector; while in Africa, Chris learns about poultry-farming initiatives helping struggling nations increase food security. There are other challenges the industry is wrestling with, from antimicrobial resistance to the threat of another major global pandemic. Producers Lucy Taylor and Emily Knight

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

6.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (1/8)

7.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick. From 2016 (1/5)

7.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week

7.30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar

8.00 Steptoe and Son 1971 sitcom

8.30 After Henry Comedy by Simon Brett (3/8)

9.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (1/7)

9.30 Ring around the Bath 2004 sitcom (5/6)

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3.00 On the Eve Dramatisation by Michael

Crompton of Ivan Turgenev's 1860 novel set on the eve of the Crimean war, in which an upper-class Russian woman falls for a Bulgarian revolutionary.

With Amanda Root and Philip Franks. From 1993 (1/2)

4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

The last of the 1938–68 radio whodunnits by Francis

11.30 Artificial Implosion

Tech journalist Chris Stokel-Walker explores the recent chaos at artificial intelligence company Open AI – the 106 hours that saw co-founder Sam Altman fired and rehired in a shock to investors and the public. He charts Open AI's meteoric growth and disastrous collapse in leadership and asks where next for the “ethical” development of artificial intelligence? Producer James Tindale

12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

1.45 Empire of Tea

6/10. Tough, Tiring, Difficult. The introduction of industrial tea production in India in the 19th century created huge demand for tea pickers. Many were employed under a system of indentured contracts. These often meant five years of work in return for bed and board. Jo Sharma of the University of Toronto tells Sathnam Sanghera about the harrowing conditions people found themselves working in. Producer Paul Martin

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: The Human Way

Dystopian love story by Thomas Pickles. Two young people enlist on a programme to break the hold technology has on communication and relationships and rehabilitate them back into real human life. But they discover a darker and more disturbing side to the process.

Jacob Tachia Newall Ruth Susan Twist
Izzy Sade Malone The Human Way Operator
Tas Ntombizodwa Ndlovu Graeme Hawley
Director Nadia Molinari

3.00 Counterpoint

New series. 1/13. Eclectic music quiz chaired by Paul Gambaccini. The first heat features contestants from Cheltenham, Stafford and Hertfordshire. Producer Paul Bajoria

3.30 The Food Programme

Repeated from yesterday 12.30pm

4.00 The Infinite Monkey Cage

Repeated from Saturday 7.15pm

4.30 Born in Bradford

Winifred Robinson returns to Bradford where 30,000 children aged 11 to 15 have been documenting their lives, completing detailed questionnaires on everything from how they spend their free time, to questions about their mental health, their use of social media, their family finances and even details of any risk-taking behaviour. Robinson reveals insights from the data. Producer Sue Mitchell (R)

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 I'm Sorry I Haven't a Clue

5/6. Jack Dee chairs in Dorking, with Jo Brand, Fred MacAulay, Milton Jones, and Omid Djalili. Producer Jon Naismith Repeated Sunday 12.04pm

Durbridge featuring amateur detective Paul Temple and sidekick wife Louise (Peter Coke and Marjorie Westbury, stars of the series since 1954) (1/8)

4.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (1/8)

5.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick. From 2016 (1/5)

5.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week

5.30 Alexei Sayle's Imaginary Sandwich Bar

6.00 Steptoe and Son 1971 sitcom

6.30 After Henry Comedy by Simon Brett (3/8)

7.00 Elephant in the Room Panel game (1/7)

7.30 Ring around the Bath 2004 sitcom (5/6)

8.00 Radiolab US radio series. From 2017 (6/8)

8.55 Inheritance Tracks Craig Charles discusses

Billie Holiday and Wilson Pickett. From 2021

9.00 Mastertapes Lily Allen discusses her

2018 release *No Shame*. Continues tomorrow (1/2)

9.30 Doctor Who: the War Doctor

David Llewellyn's *The Shadow Vortex*. With John Hurt (2/2)

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: I'm Sorry I

Haven't a Clue (4/6), at 10.30 **Domestic**

Science (4/4), at 10.45 **Darren Harriott: Black**

Label (4/4), at 11.00 **The Now Show** (6/6), and

at 11.30 **The Masterpiece Inheritance** (3/6)

12.00 as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm

2.00 as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 5.30pm

3.00 as 6pm **3.30** as 6.30pm **4.00** as 7pm

4.30 as 7.30pm **5.00 On the Eve** (2/2)

7.00 The Archers

Alice faces a big decision and old wounds open for Ian.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

Is Love Actually the most Marmite of Christmas films? As it turns 20, Tom Sutcliffe and guests discuss how fans feel about it two decades later. Producer Corinna Jones

8.00 South Africa: the Children of Paradise

2/3. A Deadly Mixture. Fergal Keane and Milton Nkosi return to KwaZulu-Natal. In the early 1990s, leading up to the country's first democratic elections, the area was a hotbed of political violence. What about today? Producer John Murphy Repeated Wednesday 11am on Radio 4 and 11.30pm BBC World Service

8.30 Crossing Continents

3/10. Cyprus is one of the main resting stops for songbirds as they migrate between Europe, Africa and the Middle East. But over recent decades, the consumption of songbirds became a lucrative commercial business. Antonia Bolingbroke-Kent sees the trappers in action, and meets those determined to stop the mass killing of birds. Producer Alex Last Repeated from Thursday

9.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies

3/7. Lust. Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward delve into the psychology of lust and how it is both crucial to the continuation of the human species and a form of neurochemical madness. Repeated from Tuesday

9.30 Start the Week Shortened rpt from 9am

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

1/10. Naosie Dolan's comedic exploration of modern love and millennial malaise. Celine and her boyfriend Luke are to be married. However, on the night of their engagement party, Luke disappears with Celine's ex-girlfriend. As the wedding approaches, past lovers, old friends and new enemies search for their happily ever after – but does it lie at the end of an aisle? Read by Seána Kerslake and abridged by Rowan Routh. Producer Michael Shannon

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11.00 Don't Log Off

3/4. Alan Dein searches across the internet – from social media to blogs and websites – to uncover some extraordinary stories from seemingly ordinary people.

Editor Philip Sellers

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News and Weather

12.30–12.45am Cold Therapy with

Michael Mosley Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk

8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History

9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Crowd Science

10.00 News 10.05 The History Hour 11.00 The

Newsroom **11.30 CHOICE:** The Conversation:

Kim Chakanetsa speaks to Dr Kakenya Ntaiya

from Kenya and Shukla Bose from India about

how they established their own schools **12.00**

News 12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History

1.00 The Newsroom 1.30 Crowd Science 2.00

News 3.00 News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30

World Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News

6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History 7.00 The

Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.05 From Our

Own Correspondent 8.30 Discovery: Tooth and

Claw: the cheetah's place in the animal kingdom

(4/4) 9.00 Newsroom 10.00 The Newsroom

10.20 Sports News 10.30 World Business Report

11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk 11.30 CHOICE:

The Conversation 12.00 News 12.05am The

History Hour 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters

2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 The Documentary:

Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic

3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 In the Studio

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706
Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and sport bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

6.00 5 Live Breakfast

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards with a detailed look at the headlines.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

Discussion of topical and cultural issues, with the chance for listeners to phone in throughout the show. Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am

11.00 Naga Munchetty

With the latest news, big-name interviews from around the UK and listeners' personal experiences.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

News and topical conversation.

4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the latest news and sport.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news, debate and features, including at **7.00 The Monday Night Club**, in which he's joined by Micah Richards, Chris Sutton and Rory Smith to discuss the weekend's football.

10.00 Colin Murray

Topical discussion. Plus regular features, including at **12.00 Monday Night Fan Club**, with experts discussing in depth a favourite hobby or interest declared by a listener, who also features.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10am–11.30 Cricket Hobart Hurricanes v Sydney Sixers in the Big Bash League, from University of Tasmania Stadium in Launceston.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Jeff Stelling.

10.00 Jim White and Simon

Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs

4.00 Talksport Drive Andy

Goldstein with sporting debate.

7.00 Kick Off Sports debate.

10.00 Sports Bar Reaction,

analysis and the chance for listeners

to have a say on the day's sport.

1.00am Extra Time

Topical discussion, with a phone-in.

5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

7.00pm–10.00 League One

Football Portsmouth v Bolton

Wanderers (kick-off 8.00).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Nick Ferrari **10.00** James

O'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty

4.00 Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonight

with Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale

10.00 Ben Kentish **1.00am**

Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00

Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00**

Matt Chorley **1.00pm** Mariella

Frostrup **3.00** Jane Garvey and Fi

Glover **5.00** John Pienaar **7.00**

Pienaar and Friends: informed

debate **8.00** Evening Edition with

Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker

1.00am Stories of Our Times

1.30 Red Box **2.00** Highlights

TUESDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Stories from the New Silk Road: the Arctic

9.30am/8.05pm

BBC World Service

World trade receives little attention in the conversation around warming climates. Yet above the Arctic Circle, the race is on between nations hoping to exploit the melting sea ice for commercial gain. New shipping routes, dubbed the "Polar Silk Road" by China, could greatly expedite journeys in the coming decades and transform the fortunes of Arctic-hugging countries that control the ports. Anna Holligan travels to Kirkenes in Norway (above) to learn why this small northerly coastal town has big ambitions for Chinese trade. But there's also a wider look at China's designs on the Arctic and its abundant natural resources, and why Russia holds many of the cards. **TOM GOULDING**

The Deadly Ring

4.00pm Radio 4

The health dangers of boxing are well documented. However, supporters would argue it is an art form that demands complex medical examination, regulation and a high level of expertise, little of which is present in "white-collar boxing" where ultra-novices train for eight weeks before fighting in front of family and friends. With two deaths in the last two years, never mind the long-term injuries, journalist Richard Butchins investigates the risks by speaking to families affected by the consequences of this 21st-century brand of pugilism, begging the question: should it be banned? **JEREMY ASPINALL**

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS

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Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm Radio 3

Marin Alsop's gospel version of Handel's *Messiah*.

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Annie Nightingale **1.00am** Drum 'n' Bass Mix **2.00** Workout Anthems **3.00** Relax **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902**6.30am** Zoe Ball**9.30** Vernon Kay

Music, chat and features, including at **10.30** the **Ten to the Top** music quiz and at **11.40** **Tracks of My Years**, with Jamie Oliver discussing two more of his favourite records.

12.00 Jeremy Vine**2.00pm** Scott Mills**4.00** Sara Cox**7.00** Jo Whiley**9.00** The Jazz Show with

Jamie Cullum

10.00 Trevor Nelson's

Rhythm Nation

12.00 OJ BorgWith the **Magnificent 7** at **10.00**.

3.00am **Pick of the Pops** 2/2. Steve Wright with the singles chart from this week in 1977, including hits by Abba, Boney M, Elvis Costello and the Attractions, Jonathan Richman and the Modern Lovers, Showaddywaddy and Donna Summer. (R)

4.00 Wynne Evans

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909**7.30am** Lauren Laverne**10.30** Mary Anne Hobbs**1.00pm** Craig Charles

Featuring a live session from English indie rock band the Big Moon.

4.00 Huw Stephens**7.00** New Music Fix Daily

With Tom Ravenscroft and Deb Grant, today featuring a live session from rapper OneDa (born Onye Ezech).

9.00 **6 Music Artist in Residence**

6/8. Further picks by Shygirl.

10.00 Riley and Coe**12.00** **6 Music's Rave Forever****1.00am** **The Man Machine:****Kraftwerk, Krautrock and the****German Electronic Revolution**

Jarvis Cocker explores the workings of techno masters Kraftwerk. Featuring a rare interview with co-founder Ralf Hütter. Plus a look at other "Krautrock" exponents, including Neu! and Tangerine Dream. From 2011.

2.00 **Sounds of a City: the Human****League** *The Travelogue* album.**3.00** **Live Hour** The Four Tops in

1989 at the Hammersmith Odeon,

plus sessions by the Transmitters (in

1979) and Trembling Bells (in 2010).

4.00 **The 6 Music Playlist****5.00** Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 *Regional variations on FM/MW***6.00am** Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce**1.00pm** Debbie Mac **4.00** SimonMayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles**10.00** Andy Crane **1.00am** MusicMarathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk**6.00am** Andy Marriott **7.30** GrahamDene **10.00** David Lloyd **12.00** DavidHamilton **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00**Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham**8.00** Easy Hour **9.00** David Hamilton**10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** DerekWebster **2.00am** Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am **Breakfast** With Petroc Trelawny.**9.00** **Essential Classics** With Georgia Mann.**12.00** **Composer of the Week: Humperdinck****2/5. Composing Hansel and Gretel.** Today,

Donald Macleod looks at the composer's early

career, when he was part of Wagner's inner circle,

working closely with him on the 1882 premiere of

Parsifal – even composing a few bars to cover the

movement of scenery. This early training in the

world of stage music must have had a significant

impact upon him, as he went on to have a highly

successful career himself in this arena. He began

work on his most famous work for the stage, *Hänsel**und Gretel*, which originated in some songs he

wrote to texts by his sister based on the fairy tale.

Die Lerche Christina Landshamer (soprano),

Hinrich Alpers (piano)

String Quartet in C minor Diogenes Quartet*Wagner, arr Humperdinck Herzeleid (Parsifal)*

Ana-Marija Markovina and Cord Garben (piano)

Humperdinck Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)

Hänsel Jennifer Larmore (mezzo)

Gretel Ruth Ziesak (soprano)

Gertrud Hildegard Behrens (soprano)

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Donald Runnicles

Nachtstück in A flat Elisabeth Plank (harp)*Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)*

Gertrud Hildegard Behrens (soprano)

Peter Bernd Weikl (baritone)

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Donald Runnicles

Christkindleins Wiegenlied Christina Landshamer

(soprano), Hinrich Alpers (piano)

1.00pm **Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert**

Sarah Walker presents a week of highlights of this

year's Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg, Austria,

recorded this summer in the Angelika Kauffmann

Hall, starting with a recital from 1 September.

Simply Quartet, Harriet Krijgh (cello)

*Schubert String Quintet in C, D956***2.00** **Afternoon Concert** With Ian Skelly.*Korngold Overture: Baby tritt in die Welt**(Baby-Serenade, Op 24)* Bruckner Orchestra Linz,

conductor Caspar Richter

Gluck Overture: Iphigénie en Aulide Orchestre

Symphonique Bienne, conductor Thomas Rosner

Caccini Romanesca Cappella di Santa Maria degli

Angiolini, director Gian Luca Lastraioli

*Chapertier Gloria (Messe pour plusieurs instruments**au lieu des orgues)* VokalEnsemble Köln, Musica

Antiqua Köln, director Reinhard Goebel

3.00 **Saint-Saëns Symphony No 3 in C minor (Organ)**

Diana Jaunzeme-Portnaja (organ), Latvian

National SO, conductor Janis Liepins

Chopin Rondo in C, Op posth 73 Daniil Trifonov (piano)*Beach Symphony in E minor, Op 32 (Gaelic) (1st mvt)*

Detroit Symphony Orchestra, conductor Neeme Järvi

Tippett Fantasia on a Theme of Handel

Steven Osborne (piano), BBC Scottish SO,

conductor Maryn Brabbins

Boyce Symphony No 1 in B flat

English Concert, director Trevor Pinnock

Scala Radio

DAB+ scalarradio.co.uk**7.00am** Charles Nove Including **Questions of the****Day** and, from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour

of music from films, TV, adverts and video games.

10.00 Penny SmithIncluding at **11.30** a guest from the world of arts and

culture, today with London-born stage and screen

composer Joby Talbot discussing score for Paul King's

new film *Wonka*. Plus requests from **12.00**.**1.00pm** Sam Hughes With popular classical works.**4.00** Richard Allinson With **Classical Bangers**.**7.00** Mark Forrest**10.00** **The Space** Soothing and calming music.**1.00am** **Night Music** **5.00** **In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Chill **7.00** Nikita Kanda **10.00** Certified **11.00**Haroon Rashid **2.00pm** Certified Throwbacks **3.00**Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby Friction **8.00** BBC Introducing**10.00** All Star Anthems **11.00** Celebrates **12.00**Ankur Desai **1.00am** Bobby Friction **3.00** DJ Limelightand Kan D Man **5.00** Asian Network News Presents

5.00 In Tune

Sean Rafferty with arts news, music and guests.

7.00 **Classical Mixtape** An inspired playlist.**7.30** **Radio 3 in Concert**

Marin Alsop conducts the BBC Concert

Orchestra and soloists in the European

premiere of *Gospel Messiah* – her reimagining ofHandel's *Messiah* with musical arrangements by

Bob Christianson and Gary Anderson, including

jazz, gospel, R&B, soul and pop. The work has

been a seasonal fixture in concert halls across

America since its 1993 premiere in New York.

This performance was recorded last Thursday

at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

Vanessa Haynes (vocalist), Zwakele Tshabalala

(tenor), BBC Concert Orchestra,

conductor Marin Alsop

Marin Alsop*Gospel Messiah (after Handel's Messiah)***See choice: page 113****10.00** **Free Thinking**

The "thingness" of things is under discussion, as

academics with different approaches to studying

objects come together to look at how their work

helps us think about the world we live in. The

conversation covers 18th-century novels, the

philosophy of Marx, Heidegger and the ecological

insights of Anna Tsing. Presenter Lisa Mullen is

joined by Timothy Morton, Rachele Dini, Steven

Connor and Caroline Edwards. Producer Luke Mulhall

10.45 **The Essay: Looking at Leeds****2/5.** Jeremy Dyson discusses three intricately

carved clocks that still keep time in the Edwardian

and Victorian shopping arcades in Leeds. He also

marks the Victorian architectural splendour and

status of Leeds – with a plea to remember the

value of spending money on public art.

11.00 **Night Tracks** With Sara Mohr-Pietsch.**12.30am** **Through the Night** With John Shea.*Trad Swedish O Bride of Christ, Rejoice Handel March; Zion's**Daughter (Judas Maccabaeus) Olsson The Son of God Is**Born Trad Swedish Klang, my Beautiful Bell Kohler Now a**Thousand Christmas Lights Are Lit Jan Sandstrom Gloria**Rosenberg Joseph's Song; The Song about the Star**(The Holy Night) Trad German When Christmas Morning**Glimmers Trad Swedish Christmas Medley Berlin White**Christmas Anderson Sleigh Ride Various composers,**arr Parkes Christmas Candy (a medley) Pola It's the Most**Wonderful Time of the Year Alfvén Christmas Carol Adam**O helga natt Wade Fanfare; The Day Has Come Nordqvist**Christmas, Christmas, Glorious Christmas Jennie Eriksson**Nordin (soprano), Philip Sherman (tenor), Carl Ackersfeldt**(baritone), Swedish Radio Choir and Symphony Orchestra,**conductor Olof Boman 1.46 Sjogren Piano Sonata No 2 in A,**Op 44 2.04 Nielsen String Quartet No 1 in G minor, Op 13**2.31 Schubert Octet in F, D803 3.30 Czerny Fantasia in F**minor 3.40 Norman Such' die Blumen dir im Thau; Herbstlied**3.46 Sjogren Two Lyrical Pieces 3.57 Debussy Cello Sonata**in D minor 4.09 Weber Heitere Tage Mädchen erfährt, Op**29 No 2; Ein König einst gefangen sass; In euren Blicken, Op 29**No 3; Die Zeit, Op 13 No 5; Wiegenlied, Op 13 No 2 4.21 Brahms**Intermezzo in E flat minor, Op 118 No 6 4.27 Stenhammar**Sweden 4.31 Beethoven Overture: Coriolan 4.39**Saint-Saëns Les titans, Op 71 No 2; Etude en forme de valse,**Op 52, No 6 4.53 Alfvén A Boat with Flowers, Op 44 5.03**Haydn Piano Trio in E flat, H XV 10 5.14 Larsson Schum of the**Naked Trees; Nine Gullberg Songs, Op 35 5.46 Schumann**Kinderszenen, Op 15 6.06 Various Lucia procession*

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am **More Music Breakfast** Tim Lihoreau with

music, news, financial updates and features, including

the **Breakfast Serial** at **7.25**.**9.00** **Alexander Armstrong** Classical hits, startingwith the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring

favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top

300. At **10.15** **Album of the Week**.**12.00** **Anne-Marie Minhall** Featuring two hours ofrequests from **12.00** and, at **3.00**, three works from

the current Classic Hall of Fame Top 300.

4.00pm **Margherita Taylor** Classic FM favourites,including the **Discovery of the Week** at **6.20**.**7.00** **Smooth Classics at Seven** With Zeb Soanes.**10.00** **Calm Classics** With Ritula Shah.**1.00am** **Bill Overton** **4.00** **Lucy Coward**

Absolute Radio

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BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)**News, weather and shipping forecasts**
as yesterday; no weather at 5.56am**5.30am News Briefing****5.43 Prayer for the Day**
With the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.**5.45 Farming Today** Rural developments.**5.58 Tweet of the Day** The wren. (R)**6.00 Today**

With Mishal Husain and Justin Webb.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News**6.45 Yesterday in Parliament****7.48 Thought for the Day** With Julie Siddiqi.**8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament****9.00 The Life Scientific****7/8.** Jim Al-Khalili talks to Mercedes Maroto-Valer, director of the Research Centre for Carbon Solutions at Heriot-Watt University and the UK's Decarbonisation Champion, about turning carbon dioxide into a climate-saving gas instead of a climate-changing one. Producer Gerry Holt Repeated 9.30pm**9.30 One to One****7/8.** Since becoming a parent, Samira Shackle has been bombarded with advice on social media. She meets Lucy Jones, mother-of-three, to discuss navigating this online world and the effect it has on mothers, in particular. Producer Eliza Lomas**9.45 FM Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley****2/5. Cold Recovery.** Michael investigates how and when to ice an injury, and why taking showers alternating between hot and cold can aid your recovery, reduce pain and improve energy levels. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. The next episode is at 8.45pm tomorrow. Repeated 12.30am**9.45 LW Daily Service**

Led by Lyndall Bywater. Luke 1, vv39–45. Hail Blessed Virgin Mary, sung by the Cambridge Singers; I Will Sing with the Spirit, sung by Naomi and Luca, BBC Young Chorists 2022; We Are the Church, performed by Lou Fellingham.

10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett.**11.00 Seven Deadly Psychologies****4/7. Envy.** Becky Ripley and Sophie Ward continue their discussion about the psychology of the seven sins, looking this time into envy. They discuss how it can motivate people to get what they want and the way it can drive a person to seek the destruction of others. Producer Becky Ripley Repeated Monday 9pm**11.30 Natalie Haynes Stands Up for the Classics****3/4. Athene.** Natalie Haynes analyses the story of Athene and Arachne, when a mortal challenged the goddess of wisdom, war and handicrafts to a weaving challenge and won with severe consequences. Producer Mary Ward-Lowery

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair as 4pm**6.30 The Same River Twice** as 4.30pm**7.00 Snow** Read by Jonathan Firth (2/5)**7.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week** (2/5)**7.30 For the Love of Leo** as 12.30pm**8.00 The Goon Show** Vintage 1954 comedy**8.30 King Street Junior** School sitcom (6/6)**9.00 The Motion Show** Comedy debate (2/6)**9.30 Winston** Bawdy comedy (2/6)**10.00 On the Eve** Ivan Turgenev's 1860 novel (2/2)**11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** as 4pm**11.30 The Same River Twice** as 4.30pm**12.00 Snow** Read by Jonathan Firth (2/5)**12.15pm How to Write a Novel in a Week** (2/5)**12.30 For the Love of Leo** Mark Bonnar stars in Michael Chaplin's comedy about a widowed man-turned-eligible bachelor. Series one. From 2018 (4/4)**1.00 The Goon Show** Vintage 1954 comedy**1.30 King Street Junior** School sitcom (6/6)**2.00 The Motion Show** Comedy debate (2/6)**2.30 Winston** Bawdy comedy by Peter Tinniswood.

A manipulative rogue threatens a family's harmony. With Bill Wallis, Maurice Denham, Shirley Dixon, Liz Goulding and Christian Rodska. From 1989 (2/6)

3.00 On the Eve Ivan Turgenev's 1860 novel (2/2)**4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair** (2/8)**12.04pm Call You and Yours**Consumer affairs with Winifred Robson.
PHONE: 0370 010 0444 (Lines open from 10am)
EMAIL: youandyours@bbc.co.uk**1.00 The World at One**

Presented by Sarah Montague.

1.45 The Empire of Tea**7/10. Punjabi Cha and Masala Chai**

Like Britain, India sees tea as its definitive national drink. But as Sathnam Sanghera discovers, mass market Indian tea culture was seeded, in large part, by its coloniser. He charts the development of tea in India from both indigenous and imperial origins.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm**2.15 Drama: The Last Chihoro**

A story based on true events, written by and starring Tonderai Munyevu. Tonde returns to his place of birth in Zimbabwe to bury his mother as per her wishes, but traditional funeral rites get in the way of his plans.

Tonde Tonderai Munyevu Dee Chipso Kureya
Aunty/Mo Pamela Nomvete Medium/Cousin Estella Daniels
Sekuru Femi Elufowajo Jr Partner John Lightbody
Producer/Director Jessica Mitic**3.00 The Kitchen Cabinet**

Repeated from Saturday 10.30am

3.30 Doctor, Doctor**2/8.** The inside track on medical lives, presented by Dr Phil Hammond. This week's guest is former documentary maker and now palliative care specialist Dr Rachel Clarke. Producer David Morley**4.00 The Deadly Ring****11** White-collar boxing was introduced to the UK in the early 2000s and thousands have taken part. Two young men have died in the last two years, and critics say it is unregulated and should be banned. Richard Butchins asks whether participants are being put at unnecessary risk and talks to the father of one of the men who died. Producer Emily Uchida Finch Repeated Sunday 12.15am**4.30 Great Lives****2/8.** Broadcaster and author Iszi Lawrence chooses the aviator Diana Barnato Walker, who flew bombers during the Second World War and became the first British woman to break the sound barrier. Iszi and Matthew Parris are joined by Giles Whittell, author of *Spitfire Women of World War II*, and Diana's son Barney Walker. Producer Beth Sagar-Fenton Repeated Thursday 11.30am**5.00 PM** Presented by Evan Davis.**6.00 Six o'Clock News****6.30 Best Medicine****11/11.** Dr Paul Craddock joins Kiri Pritchard-McLean to unravel how embroidery is linked to vascular surgery, and historian Subhadra Das shares past stories of death prevention methods. Comedian Ria Lina chooses epidurals as her best medicine and paediatrician Dr Guddi Singh talks about play as a treatment. Producer Ben Worsfield Rptd next Tue on Radio 4 Extra**4.30 The Same River Twice** Thriller by Edward Boyd, starring Gordon Jackson as a man searching for his estranged wife who has been missing for three months. With Joe Dunlop. From 1966 (2/8)**5.00 Snow** Following a move to a chalet in the Haute-Savoie, author Marcus Sedgwick revisits childhood memories of snowy winters in Kent. Abridged by Katrin Williams. From 2016 (2/5)**5.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week** (2/5)**5.30 For the Love of Leo** as 12.30pm**6.00 The Goon Show** Vintage 1954 comedy**6.30 King Street Junior** School sitcom (6/6)**7.00 The Motion Show** Comedy debate (2/6)**7.30 Winston** Bawdy comedy (2/6)**8.00 TED Radio Hour** With Manoush Zomorodi**8.50 Inheritance Tracks** With Caitlin Moran**9.00 MasterTapes** With Lily Allen. From 2018 (2/2)**9.30 Doctor Who: The War Doctor** Andrew Smith's *The Eternity Cage*. With John Hurt (1/2)**10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Best Medicine** (10/11), at **10.30 Earls of the Court** (3/6), at**10.45 Quando, Quando, Quando** (3/6), at**11.00 The Absolutely Radio Show** (2/4), and at **11.30 Think the Unthinkable** (6/6)**12.00** as 3pm **1.00am** as 4pm **1.30** as 4.30pm**2.00** as 5pm **2.15** as 5.15pm **2.30** as 12.30pm**3.00** as 6pm **3.30** as 6.30pm **4.00** as 7pm**4.30** as 2.30pm **5.00 The True Story of Martin Guerre** Drama with Sean Bean (1/2)**7.00 The Archers**

Lily has something to look forward to and Stella makes an impression.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

The 17th-century writer and philosopher Margaret Cavendish is often described as the first author of science fiction.

Samira Ahmed hears how her legacy still influences sci-fi writers today.

Producer Eliane Glaser

See also *Free Thinking* tomorrow 10pm Radio 3**8.00 File on 4**For *File on 4* reporter Datshiane Navanayagam investigates the world of professional shoplifters – from large-scale organised crime gangs to audacious individuals stealing millions of pounds' worth of goods from the big high-street retailers. Producer Kate West Repeated Sunday 5pm**8.40 In Touch**

News and features for blind and partially sighted listeners. Presented by Peter White. Producer Pete Wilson

9.00 All in the Mind

Claudia Hammond explores the concept of psychological safety – a term originally coined in the 1950s that's now used to express feeling safe to speak up in a workplace environment without fear of being punished or humiliated. Producer Sophie Ormiston Repeated tomorrow 3.30pm

9.30 The Life Scientific

Repeated from 9am

10.00 The World Tonight

International news round-up and analysis presented by James Coomarasamy.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple**2/10.** Naoise Dolan's comedic exploration of modern love and millennial malaise. Luke disappears from his own engagement party leaving Celine suspicious. Read by Seána Kerslake. Abridged by Rowan Routh. For details see yesterday**11.00 Now You're Asking with Marian Keyes and Tara Flynn****5/10. The Comb Over Problem.** Today's dilemmas for Marian and Tara Flynn include what to do when a friend is unable to disguise his baldness and how to resolve a situation where you want to end a relationship – but feel that your partner will fall apart if you do. They also consider whether you should help pay for a party to which you've been invited. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Steve Doherty**11.30 Today in Parliament**

News, views and analysis from Westminster.

12.00 News and Weather**12.30–12.45am Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley** Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)**1.00 as BBC World Service**

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday **8.00** News **8.05** People Fixing the World **8.30** Business Daily **8.50** Witness History **9.00** Newsroom **9.30 CHOICE:** The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road– the Arctic **10.00** News **10.05** The Arts Hour**11.00** Newsroom **11.30** In the Studio: Kengo Kuma's latest project **12.00** News **12.05pm** Outlook **12.50** Witness History **1.00** The Newsroom **1.30** Discovery: Tooth and Claw (4/4)**2.00** Newshour **3.00** News **3.05** People Fixing the World: how the Netherlands is tackling loneliness **3.30** World Business **4.00** BBC OS**6.00** News **6.05** Outlook **6.50** Witness History**7.00** Newsroom **7.30** Sport Today **8.00** News**8.05 CHOICE:** The Documentary: Stories from the New Silk Road – the Arctic: how China's "Polar Silk Road" may affect trade **8.30** Tech Life **9.00** Newshour **10.00** Newsroom **10.20** Sports News **10.30** World Business **11.00** News**11.05** People Fixing the World **11.30** In the Studio**12.00** News **12.05am** The Arts Hour **1.00** News**1.05** Business Matters **2.00** Newsroom **2.30** Climate Question **3.05** Outlook **3.50** Witness History **4.00** The Newsroom **4.30** South Africa – the Children of Paradise (2/3)

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fiveliveF'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706
Sky 0131 Virgin 908**News and sport** bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage**5.00am Wake Up to Money****6.00 5 Live Breakfast**Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards
with sport, news and weather.**9.00 Nicky Campbell**Topical discussions, with a phone-in.
Simulcast with BBC2 until 10am**11.00 Naga Munchetty**

New and topical interviews.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake**4.00 5 Live Drive**Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell
with news, sport and interviews
with people at the centre of the
stories. Plus updates from PSV
Eindhoven v Arsenal in the
Champions League.**7.00 5 Live Sport**Kelly Cates with sports news and
debate. She's joined by guests for
build-up to the **8.00** commentary
on Manchester United v Bayern
Munich at Old Trafford in the
Champions League.
Sport: page 31**10.30 Colin Murray**Vital topical discussion. Plus
features, including at **11.00 The**
Big News Hour – an in-depth look
at a big news story – and at **12.00**
Midnight Meets, in which Colin
sits down with notable guests to
find out what makes them tick.
1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10am–11.30 Cricket Sydney
Thunder v Brisbane Heat in the Big
Bash League in Canberra.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Jeff Stelling.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan

Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker

With Paul Hawksbee and Charlie Baker.

4.00 Talksport Drive**7.00 Kick Off**

Sports debate.

10.00 Sports BarReaction and
analysis to the day's sport.**12.00 Extra Time****5.00am Early Breakfast**

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk**7.00pm–10.00 Championship**

Football Sunderland v Leeds

United (kick-off 8.00).

10.00pm–2.00am T20International Cricket West Indies
v England in the first T20.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Nick Ferrari **10.00** JamesO'Brien **1.00pm** Shelagh Fogarty**4.00** Tom Swarbrick **6.00** Tonightwith Andrew Marr **7.00** Iain Dale**10.00** Ben Kentish **1.00am**Richard Spurr **4.00** Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio**5.00am** Rosie Wright **6.00**Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell **10.00**Matt Chorley **1.00pm** MariellaFrostrup **3.00** Jane Garvey andFi Glover **5.00** John Pienaar**7.00** Pienaar and Friends **8.00**Kait Borsay **10.00** Carole Walker**1.00am** Stories of Our Times**1.30** Red Box **2.00** Highlights

WEDNESDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?

6.30pm Radio 4
Back for a second series, this is such a joy for several reasons: the on-point comic writing of David Quantick, the superb cast of Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders (above), Meera Syal, Georgia Tennant and Alistair McGowan, and the knowing references to Bette Davis and Joan Crawford's troubled relationship. This opening episode, for example, is called *Mummy Dearest*, with a cheeky nod to the 1981 film about Crawford. French and Saunders play the sisters – one a novelist, the other a movie star – in a constant battle to be the most successful, acclaimed and loved. Sharp, sassy and genuinely funny. **ANNA JONES**

Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm Radio 3
Completed within a year of one another, Brahms's *Double Concerto* and Mahler's First Symphony – coupled in tonight's Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra concert – both conceal personal subtexts. In the Brahms, the solo cello and violin represent the composer himself and his fiddler friend Joseph Joachim, who had fallen out over the latter's divorce and were here reconciled via Brahms's last orchestral work. In the Mahler, the quotations from his near-contemporary song-cycle *Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen* clearly link the symphony's emotional turmoil to the failure of his first real love affair. **MARK PAPPENHEIM**

THIS WEEK'S HIGHLIGHTS See p113
A Dyeing Wish
4.00pm Radio 4
A touching story of heritage crops, cancer and colour.

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901
7.00am Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.30** Going Home with Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Artists **10.00** Power Down Playlist **11.00** Benji B **1.00am** Classic Essential Mix **3.00** Relax **4.00** Dance **5.00** Arielle Free

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902
6.30am Zoe Ball
9.30 Vernon Kay
At **10.30** the *Ten to the Top* music quiz and at **11.40** *Tracks of My Years*, with Jamie Oliver discussing two more of his favourite records.
12.00 Jeremy Vine
2.00pm Scott Mills
4.00 Sara Cox
At **6.30** Sara Cox's *Half Wower*, with potentially mood-lifting hits from the last five decades.
7.00 Jo Whiley
9.00 *The Folk Show* with Mark Radcliffe
Folk and acoustic music from here and abroad, broadcast live from Salford. Plus news from the folk world and guests, tonight featuring a seasonal session from Yorkshire singer Kate Rusby and her band following the release of Rusby's new Christmas album *Light Years*.
10.00 Trevor Nelson's *Rhythm Nation*
With features, including at **10.00** the *Magnificent 7* – with a half-hour of throwbacks – and *Five Seconds to Name*, involving a mash-up.
12.00 OJ Borg
3.00am *Sounds of the 90s*
Jo O'Meara and Jon Lee – original members of S Club 7, now S Club – sit in for Fearné Cotton. (R)
4.00 Wynne Evans

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909
7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 *New Music Fix Daily*
9.00 *6 Music Artist in Residence: Shygirl* 7/8. Further picks by Shygirl.
10.00 *Riley and Coe* Marc Riley and Gideon Coe with eclectic playlists.
12.00 *Freak Zone Playlist*
Music picks chosen by left-field and experimental musicians and DJs.
1.00am *6 Music Stories*
2.00 *6 Music Stories*
3.00 *Live Hour* A 2018 Halloween playlist of BBC archive tracks, presented by Screamin' Chris Hawkins.
4.00 Jukebox
5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 *Regional variations on FM/MW*
6.00am Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce
1.00pm Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles
10.00 Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk
6.00am Andy Marriott **7.30** Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd **12.00** David Hamilton **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** More Music **10.00** Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride **2.00am** Music through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903
News and weather as Monday
6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.
9.00 Essential Classics With Georgia Mann.
12.00 Composer of the Week: Humperdinck 3/5. An Operatic Triumph. Humperdinck was convinced that *Hänsel und Gretel* would be a failure, but within a year, around 70 stages in Germany had put it on, and a touring company was formed to play it to a further 72 smaller towns. Cosima Wagner was enchanted by it, and Humperdinck was now seen as a legitimate heir of his (now deceased) hero, Wagner. With Donald Macleod. *An das Christkind* Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau (baritone), Jörg Demus (piano)
Frühlingsschneise
Octopus Chamber Choir, director Bart van Reyn
Altdeutsches Liebeslied; Wiegenlied Christina Landshamer (soprano), Hinrich Alpers (piano)
Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)
Hänsel Jennifer Larmore (mezzo)
Gretel Ruth Ziesak (soprano)
Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Donald Runnicles
Piano Quintet in G, Op 37 (2nd mvt)
Andreas Kirpal (piano), Diogenes Quartet
Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)
Hänsel Jennifer Larmore (mezzo)
Gretel Ruth Ziesak (soprano)
Sandman Rosemary Joshua (soprano)
Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Donald Runnicles
Das Licht der Welt
Christiane Karg (soprano), Gerold Huber (piano)
See also tomorrow 7.30pm
1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert
Sarah Walker presents further highlights from this year's Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg, continuing with pianist Marc-André Hamelin in June.
Schubert Piano Sonata in B flat, D960
2.00 Afternoon Concert With Ian Skelly.
Khachaturian Waltz (Masquerade)
BBC Philharmonic, conductor Yan Pascal Tortelier
Fanny Mendelssohn Piano Trio in D minor, Op 11 (1st mvt) Dartington Piano Trio
Stravinsky Capriccio (Violin Concerto)
Ilya Gringolts (violin), Galicia Symphony Orchestra, conductor Dima Slobodeniouk
Schubert Der Winterabend D938
Benjamin Appl (baritone), Eric Liu (piano)
3.00 Schumann Symphony No 4 in D minor
Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra, conductor Maxim Emelyanychev
Bartok Romanian Christmas Carol (Sz57, Series 1)
Zoltan Kocsis (piano)
Ravel Introduction et allegro Ensemble Wien-Berlin
4.00 Choral Evensong
A service at St Paul's Church, Heaton Moor, Stockport, recorded on 11 November. With the Diocese of Manchester Choral Scholars. Introit: The Angel Gabriel (*Basque Carol*, arr John Rutter). Responses: Sarah Macdonald. Psalms 69, 70 (Plainsong). First Lesson: Amos 9. vv11–15. Office Hymn: Creator of the Starry Height (*Conditor alme siderum*). Canticles: Harris in D. Second Lesson: Romans 13, vv8–14. Anthem: There Is No Rose (Britten). Prayer Anthem: I Sing of a Maiden (Amy Bebbington). Hymn: Come, Thou Redeemer of the Earth (*Puer nobis nascitur*). Voluntary: Chorale Prelude Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV661 (Bach). Director of music Olivia Tait. Organist Elin Rees.
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Scala Radio

DAB scalalaradio.co.uk
7.00am Charles Nove Music, a light look at the newspapers and features including *Questions of the Day* and, from **9.00**, *Screen Time*.
10.00 Penny Smith Including at **11.30** the weekly *Scala Sessions*, today with violinist Anna Phoebe joined by cellist Klara Schumann and harpist Glenda Allaway to perform Phoebe's ambient reimagining of the Christmas carol *In the Bleak Midwinter*.
1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works.
4.00 Richard Allinson
7.00 Mark Forrest At **8.00** the *Peaceful Piano* playlist.
10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.
1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**
Asian Network
DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork
F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912
6.00am R&B Anthems **7.00** Nikita Kanda **10.00** Certified **11.00** Haroon Rashid **2.00pm** Throwbacks **3.00** Ankur Desai **6.00** Bobby Friction **8.00** DJ Limelight and Kan D Man **10.00** Club Hit Squad Mix **11.00** Motivation **12.00** Asian Network News Presents **1.00am** AJD **3.00** DJ Nish **5.00** Everyday Hustle

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Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com
Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922
6.00am More Music Breakfast Tim Lihoreau with music, news, financial updates and features.
9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting with the *Classic Hall of Fame Hour*, featuring favourite pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15** *Album of the Week*.
12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at **12.00** *Classic FM Requests* and at **3.00** *Hall of Fame 3 at 3*.
4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites, including the *Discovery of the Week* at **6.20**.
7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with three hours of potentially calming music to help listeners relax, including at **9.00** the *Great Escape*.
10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.
1.00am Bill Overton **4.00** Lucy Coward

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk
Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915
6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1.00am** Dan Noble



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as yesterday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

A prayer, reflection and contemplation with the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

5.45 Farming Today

News about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Dara McAnulty on the whooper swan. (R)

6.00 Today

With Mishal Husain and Nick Robinson.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rev Canon Dr Jennifer Smith.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

9.00 The Reith Lectures

FM only from 9.45

3/4. Ben Ansell, Professor of Comparative Democratic Institutions at Oxford University, delivers the third of his lectures titled "Our Democratic Future". Today's subject is the future of solidarity, and Ansell focuses on whether it's possible to develop a shared sense of belonging in today's polarised societies. He also considers how to ensure the less fortunate are looked after in an economy that seems to only reward the "already haves". Anita Anand presents from the Fire Station in Sunderland.

Producer Jim Frank; Editor China Collins
Repeated Sunday 11pm Radio 4, with a revised repeat at 7.30pm on Saturday World Service.

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Bishop Joe Aldred. Matthew 1, vv18–24. The Cherry Tree Carol, sung by the congregation of King's College Cambridge; The Carol of Joseph; For King and Country; Who Would Imagine a King, sung by Whitney Houston.

10.00 Woman's Hour With Emma Barnett.

11.00 South Africa: the Children of Paradise Repeated from Monday 8pm on Radio 4 and repeated today at 11.30pm on BBC World Service

11.30 Being Roman with Mary Beard

6/6. Love in the Borderlands.

Mary Beard tells the story of Regina and Barates, a girl from Hertfordshire and a lonely traveller from Syria who met and married at Hadrian's Wall, which leaves a lot to be answered. Roving from Palmyra to South Shields, Mary searches for answers as to what brought the couple together and whether it was true love or a forced marriage? All episodes are available on BBC Sounds. Producer Alasdair Cross

12.04pm You and Yours

Consumer affairs and public interest stories.

1.00 The World at One

News and analysis with Sarah Montague.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (3/8)

6.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (3/8)

7.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick (3/5)

7.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week (3/5)

7.30 Mark Steel's in Town as 5.30pm

8.00 Hancock's Half Hour 1958 comedy

8.30 Lip Service as 6.30pm

9.00 Counterpoint as 7pm

9.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (4/6)

10.00 The True Story of Martin Guerre as 3pm

11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (3/8)

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1.30 Lip Service as 6.30pm

2.00 Counterpoint as 7pm

2.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins (4/6)

3.00 The True Story of Martin Guerre Sean Bean stars in Guy Meredith's dramatisation of the trial notes of 16th-century French judge Jean de Coras in the case of Martin Guerre, who returns home after eight years but whose wife Bertrande accuses him of being an impostor. With Leslie Dunlop, Olivier Pierre and others. From 1992 (1/2)

1.45 Empire of Tea

8/10. One for Each Person and None for the Pot.

By the 1930s, tea-drinking had become such an integral part of British life that maintaining supplies during the war was a government priority. It was seen as an essential morale-booster on both the home front and the fighting front. Urging restraint, the food minister Lord Woolton advised people to allocate one tea bag for each person "and none for the pot" when brewing up.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: The Receiver of Wreck By Ben Cottam. A rusting ship washes up on the shore in Fleetwood, and quickly rumours are sweeping the town as to what the vessel could be. From pirate radio station to Gaddafi's gunrunning shipment for the IRA, no theory is too maverick for the crowd that has gathered. For Jen Green, the Receiver of Wreck, it proves the strangest case of her career.

Jen	Alice Lowe	Adam	Tom Meeten
Prudence Peacock/Denisa/		Jeanicia/Hannah	
The Voice	Jane Horrocks		Hayley Doherty
Malcolm	Pearce Quigley	Tania	Hannah Livingston
Kelly	Lucy Gaskell	Ben	Ben Cottam

Director Alison Crawford (R)

3.00 Money Box Live

Financial advice for listeners.

EMAIL: moneybox@bbc.co.uk

Your RT Money: page 138

3.30 All in the Mind Rptd from yesterday 9pm

4.00 A Dyeing Wish

RT How fine-art photographer Garry Fabian Miller embarked on a five-year project called Three Acres of Colour to grow at scale the dye-plants that yield the primary colours. Inspired by early-20th-century natural weaver and dyer Ethel Mairet, he planted three acres while undergoing treatment for bladder cancer after years spent using chemical dark room colours.

See choice: page 113. Producer Beaty Rubens

4.30 The Media Show

Katie Razzall presents the latest media news. Producer Dan Hardoon Repeated 9.30pm

5.00 PM With Evan Davis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 Whatever Happened to Baby Jane Austen?

RT New series. 1/4. Mummy Dearest

Series two of the comedy by David Quantick, starring Dawn French and Jennifer Saunders. Selina heads to the Palace to collect her OBE with an envious Florence in tow. Still convinced Selina is her mother, Lucy can't take it any more.

Florence Ransom	Dawn French	Lucy	Lisa McGrillis
Selina Mountjoy		Various characters	
	Jennifer Saunders		Alistair McGowan
Mrs Ragnarrok	Meera Syal		

Producer Liz Anstee
Repeated next Wednesday on Radio 4 Extra

4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (3/8)

4.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (3/8)

5.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick (3/5)

5.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week (3/5)

5.30 Mark Steel's in Town Series eight

continues in Inverness. From 2017 (3/6)

6.00 Hancock's Half Hour 1958 comedy

6.30 Lip Service Sketches and songs from

Maggie Fox, Sue Ryding and others. From 1992 (1/6)

7.00 Counterpoint Music quiz from 2012 (9/13)

7.30 Four Joneses and a Jenkins Comedy (4/6)

8.00 Judy Garland: the Final Rainbow

Oscar winner Renée Zellweger (*Judy*) explores Judy Garland's five-week run of concerts given at The Talk of The Town in London in 1969, months before her death in the city, aged 47. See Fri 9.15pm

9.00 Short Cuts With Josie Long (4/8)

9.30 Doctor Who: The War Doctor Andrew

Smith's adventure *The Eternity Cage* (2/2)

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Glenn Moore's

Almanac (4/4), at 10.30 The Museum of

Everything (2/6), at 11.00 Alex Home Presents

the Home Section (3/6), at 11.30 Little Lifetimes

(1/4), and at 11.45 The Goldfish Bowl (3/8)

12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm

2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm

3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm

4.30 as 7.30pm 5.00 The True Story of

Martin Guerre By Guy Meredith. From 1992 (2/2)

7.00 The Archers

Life gets complicated for Paul while Leonard offers the benefit of experience.

For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

Nick Ahad presents news, interviews and discussion from the world of arts and culture. Producer Ekene Akalawu

8.00 AntiSocial

5/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue of the day, taking something that's being fiercely debated across social media, blogs, talk shows and phone-ins. He finds out how it all began, fact-checks claims and counter-claims, and hears from people whose voices are often drowned out. Repeated from Friday

8.45 Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley

3/5. Cold Exercise. Michael discovers the benefits of exercising in colder weather and how it can allow him to go further with less strain. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Repeated 12.30am

9.00 When It Hits the Fan

7/8. David Yelland and Simon Lewis go inside the world of crisis management as they take a look at recent PR disasters, and find out how, where and when it all began to go wrong. Available on BBC Sounds since this morning. Producer Eve Streeter

9.30 The Media Show Repeated from 4.30pm

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by James Coomarasamy.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

3/10. By Naoise Dolan. Phoebe searches for her future brother-in-law but ends up wishing she'd never found him. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

11.00 Big Little Questions

6/6. Ben Asks... The final question of the series is asked by Chris Cantrill's son Ben and it sends his dad spiralling. Amy Gledhill is ready to leave sketch comedy behind. Producer Hannah Moulder

11.15 Nora Meadows's Week of Wellness

2/6. Bird, Bath and Beyond. Comedy by Will Farrell and Ben Rowse. Nora is frustrated by a client who won't open up and takes drastic measures after offering an emotional support animal. She visits a gong bath to unwind.

Nora Meadows	Katy Wix	Benedict Mitchell	Alistair Green
Giles	Adam Drake	Anthony	Sunil Patel
Claire	Emily Lloyd-Sains	Nish Hartley	Mark Silcox
Sam	Alexander Owen		

Producer Nick Coupe; Directors Will Farrell, Ben Rowse

11.30 Today in Parliament

News and analysis of the day's developments, including Prime Minister's Questions.

12.00 News and Weather

12.30–12.45am Cold Therapy with

Michael Mosley Repeated from 8.45pm

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 Hardtalk

8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History

9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 The Climate Question

10.00 News 10.05 World Questions 11.00 The

Newsroom 11.30 The Documentary: South

Africa – the Children of Paradise 12.00 News

12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00

The Newsroom 1.30 Tech Life 2.00 Newshour

3.00 News 3.05 Hardtalk 3.30 World Business

Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News 6.05 Outlook

6.50 Witness History: Soviet attempts to silence

poet Anna Akhmatova 7.00 The Newsroom

7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05 The Climate

Question 8.30 Health Check 9.00 Newshour

10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News 10.30

World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05 Hardtalk

11.30 The Documentary: South Africa –

the Children of Paradise: Fergal Keane revisits South

Africa 30 years after the end of apartheid, to see

whether it is prospering. Repeated from Monday

8pm Radio 4 (2/3) 12.00 News 12.05am World

Questions 1.00 News 1.05 Business Matters

2.00 The Newsroom 2.30 Assignment

3.00 News 3.05 Outlook 3.50 Witness History

4.00 The Newsroom 4.30 The Food Chain

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive

F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905

Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706

Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and sport bulletin every half-hour

Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

6.00 5 Live Breakfast With

Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

Calls on the day's talking points.

Simulcast on BBC2 until 10am

11.00 Naga Munchetty

News, experiences, and big name

interviews from around the UK.

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

4.00 5 Live Drive Tony Livesey

and Clare McDonnell with news

and interviews. Plus updates from

Red Star Belgrade v Manchester

City in the Champions League.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Mark Chapman with sports news and debate. He's joined by studio

guests for build-up to the 8.00

commentary on Newcastle United v

AC Milan in the Champions League.

10.30 Colin Murray

Discussion of vital issues. Plus

features, including at 11.00 This

House Believes – a lively debate on

myriad topics where listeners decide

who comes out on top – and at

12.00 Midnight in America, with

the latest from across the Atlantic

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

8.10am–11.30 Cricket

Melbourne Stars v Perth Scorchers

in the Big Bash League, from

Melbourne Cricket Ground.

2.00am–11.00 Test Cricket

Australia v Pakistan on the first day of the men's First Test from Perth.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon

Jordan Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs

4.00 Talksport Drive

7.00 Kick Off Sporting issues.

10.00 Sports Bar

1.00am Extra Time

5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

1.00pm–3.00 Racing At Hexham.

5.30pm–7.45 Champions

League Football Red Star Belgrade

v Manchester City (kick-off 5.45).

7.45–10.00 Championship

Football Leicester City v Millwall

(kick-off 7.45).

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James

O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty

4.00 Tom Swarbrick 6.00 Tonight

with Andrew Marr 7.00 Iain Dale

10.00 Ben Kentish 1.00am

Richard Spurr 4.00 Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00

Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell 10.00

Matt Chorley 1.00pm Mariella

Frostrup 3.00 Jane Garvey and Fi

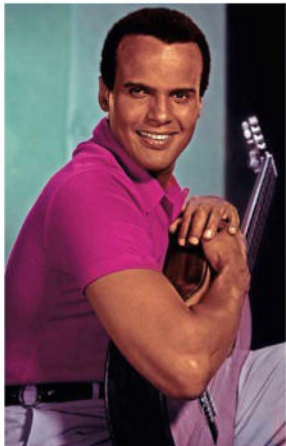
Glover 5.00 John Pienaar

7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00

The Evening Edition with Kait

THURSDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



Free Thinking

10.00pm Radio 3

"Barrier-smashing entertainer and activist" was how one US newspaper described Harry Belafonte (above) in its obituary following the singer/actor's death in April this year. Belafonte was 96, and it had been a long time since his career peak, which in music terms came in 1956 when he released an album that outsold both Frank Sinatra and Elvis Presley. But in the years that followed, Belafonte became a multi-dimensional figure thanks to a combination of his movie roles and the part he played in the civil rights movement, in which he figured as a close ally of Martin Luther King. All of which should make him a rich subject for this discussion, in which Matthew Sweet's guests include the American writer Candace Allen, and the jazz activist and broadcaster Kevin Le Gendre.

SIMON O'HAGAN

Crossing Continents

11.00am Radio 4

Coverage of the war in Ukraine (and other global conflicts) seems to have dropped off the mainstream news agenda since the desperate situation in Gaza developed. But not for the people of Ukraine, nor for correspondents like Tim Whewell, who have been reporting since Russia invaded. It's worth catching the *Crossing Continents* episode, *Ukraine – Collaboration and Resistance*, on BBC Sounds, which he filed in August last year, as a reminder before listening to this edition. In this first of two reports, Whewell meets with a citizen's group in the city of Dnipro, located close to a strategic industrial hub, who are waging their own war – against corruption within local authorities. ANNA JONES

BBC Radio 1

97.6–99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

7.00am Greg James **10.30** Rickie, Melvin and Charlie **1.00pm** Dean and Vicky **3.00** Pop Anthems **3.30** Vick and Jordan **6.00** Future Sounds **8.00** Future Pop **10.00** BBC Introducing Dance **11.00** Essential Mix **1.00am** Dance Presents **2.00** One Direction: a Fan Story **3.00** Power Down Playlist **4.00** Dance **5.00** Joel Mitchell

BBC Radio 2

88–90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball

9.30 Vernon Kay

Gregory Porter performs Christmas favourites in the **Radio 2 Piano Room**, live from the BBC's Maida Vale Studios. Plus the **Ten to the Top** music quiz at **10.30** and, at **11.40**, **Tracks of My Years**, today with Jamie Oliver discussing two more records of personal significance.

12.00 Jeremy Vine

2.00pm Scott Mills

4.00 Sara Cox

7.00 Jo Whiley

9.00 The Country Show with Bob Harris

10.00 Trevor Nelson's Rhythm Nation

12.00 OJ Borg

3.00am Sounds of the 90s
Ferne Cotton the cream of Britpop, including Oasis, Blur and Pulp. (R)
4.00 Wynne Evans

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne Chat and music, including a **People's Playlist**, with listeners selecting the tracks.

10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs Including the **HouseQuake Playlist**, with uplifting tracks picked by listeners.

1.00pm Craig Charles

4.00 Huw Stephens At **6.00** **Roundtable**, with Huw joined by music specialists to assess the new releases.

7.00 New Music Fix Daily

9.00 6 Music Artist in Residence

8/8. Further picks by Shygirl.

10.00 Riley and Coe

12.00 New Music Fix Three 6 Music presenters each curate an hour of their favourite new music, starting with Huw Stephens. At **1.00am** Mary Anne Hobbs, followed at **2.00** by Jamz Supernova. And at **3.00** another special year-end edition of **New Album Fix** – with Matt Everitt introducing tracks from the favourite 2023 albums of 6 Music presenters Afrodeutsche (Little Dragon), Cerys Matthews (the Bug Club), Mark Radcliffe (Gregory Alan Isakov) and Huey Morgan (Say She She) – followed at **4.00** by **New Music Fix Playlist**.

5.00 Chris Hawkins

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 Regional variations on FM/MW

6.00am Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce
1.00pm Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo **7.00** Jackie Brambles
10.00 Andy Crane **1.00am** Music Marathon **4.00** Alex Lester

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk

6.00am Andy Marriott **7.30** Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd
12.00 David Hamilton **2.00pm** Roger Day **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** Jane Markham **8.00** The Easy Hour
9.00 Barbara Dickson's Choices
10.00 Diana Luke **12.00** Night Ride
2.00am Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2–92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast With Petroc Trelawny.

9.00 Essential Classics

With Georgia Mann, including at **9.30** **Playlist Starter**, in which listeners are played a piece of music and then invited to suggest compatible works for broadcast at **10.45** in the **Playlist Reveal**.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Humperdinck

4/5. Failure and Success. Donald Macleod explores Humperdinck's creative output after *Hänsel und Gretel*, at a time when his sister fought with him over the royalties associated with the hit opera.

Erinnerung Hinrich Alpers (piano)

Liebesorakel Christina Landshamer (soprano),

Hinrich Alpers (piano)

Königskinder (excerpt)

Goose Girl

Witch

King's Son

Fiddler

Montpellier National Orchestra,

conductor Armin Jordan

Tarifa (Elegy at Sunset) (Moorish Rhapsody)

Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Martin Fischer-Dieskau

Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)

Gretel

Dew Fairy

Hänsel

Witch

Bavarian Radio Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Donald Runnicles

Die Heirat wider Willen (excerpt)

Malmö Opera Orchestra, conductor Dario Salvi

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

A festive performance from June concludes a showcase of music from this year's Schubertiade in Schwarzenberg in Austria. Sarah Walker presents. Veronika Eberle (violin), Steven Isserlis (cello), Connie Shih (piano)

Schubert Piano Trio in E flat, D929

2.00 Afternoon Concert With Ian Skelly.

Granados, orch Halffter Sardana (Danzas

españolas, Op 37) (arr for orchestra) RTVE

Symphony Orchestra, conductor Igor Markevitch

Saint-Saëns Introduction et rondo capriccioso,

Op 28 Maria Dueñas (violin), Julien Quentin (piano)

Bellini Casta diva (Norma) Cecilia Bartoli (mezzo),

International Chamber Vocalists, Orchestra La

Scintilla, conductor Giovanni Antonini

Busoni Sonatina No 6, BV284 (Kammer-Fantasie

über Carmen) Peter Donohoe (piano)

3.00 Brahms Violin Concerto in D, Op 77

María Dueñas, RTVE Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Joshua Wellerstein

Artist's Choice Joshua Wellerstein introduces

the first movement of Zemlinsky's *Clarinet Trio in*

D minor, Op 3 in a recording by Trio Arcadis

Tallis Spem in alium

BBC Singers, director Stephen Cleobury

John Adams The Chairman Dances City of Birmingham

Symphony Orchestra, conductor Simon Rattle

5.00 In Tune

Sean Rafferty welcomes Nicholas Childs, conductor

of the Black Dyke Band. And members of the

London Community Gospel Choir perform their

Christmas favourites live in the studio.

Scala Radio

DAB scalalaradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music and features.

10.00 Penny Smith Including after **11.30** the **Scala**

Radio Book Club, featuring an interview with a top author.

1.00pm Sam Hughes With popular classical works.

4.00 Richard Allinson Music and features, including

at **5.30** **Classical Bangers** and **Screen Time at Six**.

7.00 Mark Forrest At **8.00** the **Peaceful Piano** playlist.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Certified Mashups **7.00** Nikita Kanda

10.00 Asian Network Certified **11.00** Haroon Rashid

2.00pm Certified Throwbacks **3.00** Ankur Desai

6.00 A.J.D **8.00** DJ Nish **10.00** Shisha Lounge Mix

11.00 Asian Network Chill **12.00** Love Friday Mix

4.00am Ankur Desai **5.00** Asian Network Celebrates

7.00 Classical Mixtape

An unpredictable, nonstop half-hour of music.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

In a concert from 2 December at Wigmore Hall, London, the multi-award-winning pianist Paul Lewis continues his exploration of Schubert's piano writing with a performance of three sonatas. Presented by Sarah Walker.

Schubert Piano Sonata in A minor, D537;

Piano Sonata in B, D575;

Fantasy Sonata in G, D894

10.00 Free Thinking

RT As the British Film Institute showcases films featuring actor, singer and civil rights activist Harry Belafonte (1927–2023), Matthew Sweet is joined by cultural critic Candace Allen and writer and broadcaster Kevin Le Gendre to discuss a life and career that included the popularisation of calypso music (with 1950s hits such as *Day-O (The Banana Boat Song)*), collaborations with Nana Mouskouri, Miriam Makeba and Charlie Parker, associations with the Rat Pack, political activism and Hollywood, both as actor (from Otto Preminger's *Carmen Jones* to Spike Lee's *BlackKkklansman*) and composer and producer (Stan Lathan's 1984 hip-hop film *Beat Street*). Producer Torquill MacLeod

10.45 The Essay: Looking at Leeds

4/5. Ian Duhig. In his essay *Paradoxopolis*, Ian Duhig is inspired by a painting by Leeds's "lost modernist" the reclusive Joash Woodrow, and the former local synagogue, now the Northern School of Contemporary Dance. Both are sited on the road north out of Leeds, built by Blind Jack Metcalf, iconic Leeds roadmaker of the Victorian era.

11.00 The Night Tracks Mix

Sara Mohr-Pietsch with a playlist tailored for late-night listening.

11.30 Unclassified

As the nights draw in, Elizabeth Alker counters the seasonal chill with ambient and experimental sounds, including Scotland-born Denmark-raised singer Clarissa Connelly with a reimagined 16th-century lament from the perspective of a rosebud. Plus ambient artist Dau's organ improvisations recorded in a hawthorn woodland, epic synths to soundtrack winter walks courtesy of Norfolk musician Laura Cannell, and dreamy harps and heavenly vocals from South Carolina singer Niecy Blues.

12.30am Through the Night With John Shea.

Perry A Short Piece for Orchestra Shostakovich

Concerto No 1 in E flat **Peteris Vasks** *The Book for solo*

cello (2nd mv) **Tchaikovsky** *Symphony No 6 in B minor*

(Pathétique) Sol Gabetta (cello), Oslo Philharmonic,

conductor Klaus Mäkelä **Tchaikovsky** *Don Juan's*

Serenade, Op 38 No 1; It Was in the Early Spring, Op 38

No 2; Amid the Din of the Ball, Op 38 No 3; I Bless You,

Forests, Op 47 No 5 **2.12 Hellendaal** *Concerto grosso in D,*

Op 3 No 5 **2.31 Haydn** *Mass No 9 in C, H XXII:9 'Missa*

in tempore belli) **3.10** *Glick* *Oboe Sonata* **3.27 Strauss**

Tod und Verklärung **3.53** *Field* *Andante inedit* **4.00** *Gade*

Jalousie (Tango tzigane) **4.04** *Schoeck* *Sommernacht,*

Op 58 **4.16** *Jarzębski* *In te Domine, speravi* **4.22** *Liadov*

The Enchanted Lake, Op 62 **4.31** *Verdi* *Overture: La forza*

del destino **4.39** *Brahms* *Intermezzo in E, Op 116 No 4*

4.44 *Strozzi* *Hor che Apollo* **4.57** *Piazzolla* *Adiós nonino*

5.06 *Halvorsen* *Passacaglia on a Theme by Handel*

5.15 *Poulenc* *Quatre motets pour le temps de Noël*

5.26 *Mozart* *Bassoon Concerto in B flat, K191*

5.44 *Pejacevic* *Piano Quintet in B minor, Op 40*

6.11 *Cambini* *Sinfonia concertante in C minor*

Classic FM

99.9–101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits,

starting with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**,

featuring favourite pieces voted into the current

Classic FM Top 300. At **10.15** **Album of the Week**.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites.

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with

classical music to help listeners relax and recharge.

10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.

1.00am Bill Overton **4.00 Lucy Coward**

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm**

Ben Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Danielle

Perry **10.00** Jay Lawrence **1.00am** Dan Noble



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day A prayer and reflection with the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

5.45 Farming Today

News about food, farming and the countryside.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

Michaela Strachan introduces the sound of the wood pigeon, a widespread bird whose call can be heard all year round. (R)

6.00 Today

With Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day

With Daniel Greenberg.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

An update on the latest political proceedings. The Today Podcast is available on BBC Sounds from this morning and broadcast on Radio 4 at 11pm

9.00 In Our Time

Melvyn Bragg chairs a discussion on the second Roman emperor Tiberius (46 BC–AD 37). He's joined by Matthew Nicholls of Oxford University, Shushma Malik from the University of Cambridge, and Catherine Steel of Glasgow University.

Producer Simon Tillotson Shortened repeat 9.30pm

9.45 FM Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley

4/5. Cold Water Swim. Dr Michael Mosley uncovers the science behind ways in which to harness the power of the cold, alongside the very latest research, he explains how cold water swimming can increase energy levels, boost a person's mood, reduce inflammation and could even improve brain health. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

An act of worship on the theme, Christ the Son of Mary: Mary's Song. Led by Laura Darrall, with a reading from Luke 1, vv46–56, and a range of choral music.

10.00 Woman's Hour

Presented by Emma Barnett.

11.00 Crossing Continents

4/10. Ukraine: Fighting for Openness

As hundreds of thousands of Ukrainian soldiers defend their country, many patriotic civilians are engaged in a less risky, but still vital struggle. They're battling for a fairer, less corrupt Ukraine, worthy of its heroes. In the first of two programmes, Tim Whewell follows one tireless citizens' group in the city of Dnipro as they continue, even in wartime, to hold local authorities to account. Also broadcast in *Assignment* at 8.05pm on BBC World Service.

Producer Tim Whewell Repeated Monday 8.30pm

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (4/8)

6.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (4/8)

7.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick (4/5)

7.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week (4/5)

7.30 The Break Comedy set in Yorkshire (6/6)

8.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom

8.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket as 6.30pm

9.00 Guess What? 1998 panel game (1/10)

9.30 The Richest Man in Britain as 2.30pm

10.00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (2/2)

11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (4/8)

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12.00 Snow By Marcus Sedgwick (4/5)

12.15pm How to Write a Novel in a Week (4/5)

12.30 The Break Comedy set in Yorkshire (6/6)

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2.00 Guess What? 1998 panel game (1/10)

2.30 The Richest Man in Britain Sitcom by Nick Hornby and Giles Smith, with Mark Williams and Russell Tovey. From 2009 (3/6)

3.00 The True Story of Martin Guerre (2/2)

4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair (4/8)

4.30 The Same River Twice Thriller (4/8)

11.30 Great Lives Repeated from Tuesday 4.30pm

12.04pm You and Yours

Reports on consumer affairs.

12.32 Sliced Bread

12/12. Greg Foot and his expert guests investigate the effect of vapes on both people's health and the environment. Producer Simon Hoban Repeated Saturday 5.30pm (R)

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Sarah Montague.

1.45 Empire of Tea

9/10. A Nice Cup of Tea. George Orwell described tea as "one of the main stays of civilization in this country". But how did this foreign plant become so British? Sathnam Sanghera speaks to Orwell expert Jean Seaton, cultural historian Kate Teltscher, and ramblers with flasks of tea in the Peak District, to try to figure out how and why tea became a national obsession.

2.00 The Archers Rptd from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: Broken Colours

3/4. Thriller by Matthew Broughton. Jess and Dan are still on the run from the police and rival gangs. Blue Rider is getting close to finding Jess, and something's not right with Melissa. Dan also goes in search of his mother. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Jess	Holli Dempsey	Melissa	Kezrena James
Dan	Josef Altin	Anthony Tayla	Kovacevic-Ebong
Selena	Brid Brennan	Blue Rider	Olivia Vinall
Mandy	Michelle Bonnard	Producer	Don Gilet

Producers Emma Harding and John Norton
Director John Norton

3.00 Open Country

7/15. Sally Rodgers from the musical duo A Man Called Adam reveals the landscape, culture and history of the Headland of Hartlepool that has inspired her music. We hear about the songs of the "gutter girls" – women who gutted herring along the east coast. Sally learns more about how industry and culture here has been shaped by the coastline. The ecosystem surrounding that industry also supports a variety of wildlife and Sally uncovers some of the secrets of this place – from seals to the sound of oyster cages. Producer Helen Lennard Repeated Saturday 6.07am

3.27 The Radio 4 Appeal

Repeated from Sunday 7.54am

3.30 Open Book

Author Ron Rash talks to Johnny Pitts about his new novel, *The Caretaker*. Producer Emma Wallace

4.00 Rewinder

New series. 1/3. Greg James unwraps some festive gems from the BBC archive, including *Blue Peter*'s most innovative makes from a cufflink box to the famous Tracy Island, Fanny Craddock set loose on a goose, and the national scandal when the BBC pays \$4 million to broadcast *The Sound of Music*. Producer Tim Bano

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6.00 Dad's Army Vintage sitcom

6.30 The Random Jottings of Hinge and Bracket Comedy by Gerald Frow, starring George Logan and Patrick Fyffe as Suffolk village musical duo and lifelong companions Dame Hilda Bracket and Dr Evadne Hinge. From 1983

7.00 Guess What? 1998 panel game (1/10)

7.30 The Richest Man in Britain as 2.30pm

8.00 Jim Morrison's Will to Be Weird

Paul Gambaccini celebrates the rock star (2/3)

9.00 Great Lives Matthew Parris invites Sir Ian McKellen to assess the legacy of mountaineer Edmund Hillary (1919–2008). From 2015

9.25 Doctor Who: the War Doctor Ken Bentley's adventure *Eye of Harmony*, with John Hurt reprising the War Doctor role he debuted in the series seven finale of the TV series in 2013 (1/2)

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: It's a Fair Cop (5/5), at 10.30 Dan and Nick: the Wildebeest Years (2/7), at 11.00 The Maltby Collection (3/6), and at 11.30 Sofie Hagen: How to Love Your Fat

12.00 as 3pm 1.00am as 4pm 1.30 as 4.30pm

2.00 as 5pm 2.15 as 5.15pm 2.30 as 5.30pm

3.00 as 6pm 3.30 as 6.30pm 4.00 as 7pm 4.30 as 7.30pm

5.00 Inspector Hanaud: at the Villa Rose Dramatisation of AEW Mason's 1910 novel

4.30 BBC Inside Science

Reports on the latest scientific research. Producer Harrison Lewis Repeated 9pm

5.00 PM Presented by Evan Davis.

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 Ken Cheng: I Can School You

New series. 1/3. Comedian Ken Cheng

focuses his analytical observations on school subjects. Today he explores mathematics, the subject that he loved until it broke him. Ken looks into popular disdain of maths, and offers up his answers on how we turn around its public image. Producer Rajiv Karia Rptd next Thursday on Radio 4 Extra

7.00 The Archers

Lilian makes a dramatic statement and it's an anxious day for Adam. For cast see Friday Repeated tomorrow 2pm

7.15 Front Row

Tom Sutcliffe and guests review some of the week's cultural highlights including *Cold War*, a new musical by Conor McPherson with music by Elvis Costello. Producer Paula McGrath

8.00 The Briefing Room

David Aaronovitch and guests explore the issues behind a story in the news. Repeated tomorrow 11am

8.30 Million Dollar Lover

4/8. The Rewards of Love. One of the consequences of the family falling out is that Carolyn has decided to take back control of her bank accounts. Carolyn's daughters fear she will start giving money to Dave and that there is nothing they can do about it. In the early days of the relationship, the daughters got Carolyn and Dave to sign a legal agreement protecting her money and properties. But now they fear that the pair have effectively ripped up that agreement. All episodes are on BBC Sounds. Producers Sue Mitchell and Joel Moors

9.00 BBC Inside Science Rptd from 4.30pm

9.30 In Our Time Shortened repeat from 9am

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by Nuala McGovern.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

4/10. By Naoise Dolan. Old feelings create new problems for the best man Archie. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

11.00 The Today Podcast

Amol Rajan and Nick Robinson's take on the biggest news stories of the week. Available on BBC Sounds from this morning.

Producer Tom Smithard

Editors Jonathan Aspinwall and Louisa Lewis

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News and Weather

12.30–12.45am Cold Therapy with Michael Mosley Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday 8.00 News 8.05 The Inquiry

8.30 Business Daily 8.50 Witness History

9.00 The Newsroom 9.30 Assignment 10.00

News 10.05 Unexpected Elements 11.00 The

Newsroom 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News

12.05pm Outlook 12.50 Witness History 1.00

The Newsroom 1.30 Health Check 2.00 Newshour

3.00 News 3.05 The Inquiry 3.30 World

Business Report 4.00 BBC OS 6.00 News

6.05 Outlook 6.50 Witness History: the story of the tsunami that hit Samoa in 2009 7.00 The

Newsroom 7.30 Sport Today 8.00 News 8.05

CHOICE: Assignment: Tim Whewell reports on Ukrainians fighting corruption in local politics. Also broadcast in *Crossing Continents* at 11am on

Radio 4 8.30 Science in Action 9.00 Newshour

10.00 The Newsroom 10.20 Sports News

10.30 World Business Report 11.00 News 11.05

The Inquiry 11.30 The Food Chain 12.00 News

12.05am Unexpected Elements 1.00 News

1.05 Business Matters 2.00 The Newsroom

2.30 Tech Life 3.00 News 3.05 Outlook

3.50 Witness History 4.00 The Newsroom

4.30 Heart and Soul: Esther Ogola examines the formation of Kenya's first LGBTQ-affirming church

BBC Radio 5 Live

693, 909 MW DAB bbc.co.uk/fivelive
F'view 705 F'sat 705 Sky 0105 Virgin 905
Sports Extra F'view 706 F'sat 706
Sky 0131 Virgin 908

News and sport bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

Financial news, reports and analysis.

6.00 5 Live Breakfast With Rachel Burden and Rick Edwards.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

11.00 Adrian Chiles

1.00pm Nihal Arthanayake

News, big-name interviews and topical conversation.

4.00 5 Live Drive

Tony Livesey and Clare McDonnell with the day's news and sport.

7.00 5 Live Sport

Eleanor Oldroyd with sports news and features, including at 8.00

Euro Leagues, in which Steve

Crossman and guests discuss the latest news from the world of

European football. Plus updates from West Ham United v SC Freiburg, Brighton v Marseille and Real Betis v Rangers in the Europa League.

10.00 Colin Murray

Discussion and debate. Plus features, including at 11.00 Our

Ukrainian Radio Family and at 12.00 Midnight Mixtape, featuring a curated playlist with a chance for

listeners to make suggestions.

1.00am Dotun Adebayo

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

5.00am–11.00 Test Cricket

Continued coverage of Australia v Pakistan on the first day of the men's First Test in the three-match series.

2.00am–11.00 Test Cricket

Australia v Pakistan on day two of the First Test in Perth.

Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon Jordan

Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Baker

4.00 Talksport Drive With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.

7.00 Kick Off Sports debate.

10.00 Sports Bar

1.00am Extra Time Topical discussion, with a phone-in throughout the night.

5.00 Early Breakfast

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

1.00pm–3.00 Racing

From Newcastle.

5.00–10.00 T20 International Cricket

West Indies v England in the second T20.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Nick Ferrari 10.00 James O'Brien 1.00pm Shelagh Fogarty

4.00 Tom Swarbrick 6.00

Tonight with Andrew Marr 7.00

Iain Dale 10.00 Ben Kenthish

1.00am Clive Bull 4.00 Ian Payne

Times Radio

DAB thetimes.co.uk/radio

5.00am Rosie Wright 6.00

Aasmah Mir and Stig Abell 10.00

Matt Chorley 1.00pm Mariella

Frostrup 3.00 Jane Garvey and

FI Glover 5.00 John Pienaar

7.00 Pienaar and Friends 8.00

Kait Borsay 10.00 Henry Bonsu

1.00am Stories of Our Times

1.30 Red Box 2.00 Highlights

FRIDAY Radio

TODAY'S CHOICES



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7.15pm **Radio 4**

Mark Kermode and Ellen E. Jones reconvene to celebrate the distinctive talent of Terence Davies, who died earlier this year at the age of 77. The Liverpoolian writer/director's first features, *Distant Voices*, *Still Lives* (1988) and 1992's *The Long Day Closes* (above), were nostalgic if bittersweet autobiographical snapshots of a working-class upbringing by Catholic parents, and garnered awards and acclaim, not least from French great Jean-Luc Godard who was no cheerleader for British cinema. Later moving into literary adaptation, Davies then turned to the lives of poets Emily Dickinson and Siegfried Sassoon in his final years. Guests paying tribute include Jack Lowden, who played Sassoon in *Benediction*, and writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce, who sheds light on Davies's bond to Liverpool. **JEREMY ASPINALL**

Radio 3 in Concert

7.30pm **Radio 3**

Although a key figure in Russian musical history, notable both for offsetting the nationalist leanings of his teacher Rimsky-Korsakov with a more pro-European outlook and for shepherding the St Petersburg Conservatory from the late imperial into the post-revolutionary age, Alexander Glazunov is largely remembered here for just two things: the remarkable memory that enabled him to write down the overture to *Prince Igor* after Borodin's death, having only ever heard it played on the piano; and the chronic alcoholism that derailed his conducting of Rachmaninov's First Symphony. Receiving a rare rendition tonight, Glazunov's single-span *Violin Concerto* offers a winning mix of long-breathed lyricism and dazzling brilliance. **MARK PAPPENHEIM**

BBC Radio 1

97.6-99.8 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio1
F'view* 700 F'sat 700 Sky 0101 Virgin 901

6.30am Best New Pop **7.00** Greg James **10.30** Katie Thistleton **1.00pm** Matt and Mollie **3.00** Party Anthems **4.00** The Official Chart **6.00** Dance Party with Danny Howard **8.00** Future Dance with Sarah Story **10.00** Pete Tong **12.00** Classic Essential Mix **2.00am** Dance Presents **3.00** Danny Howard **4.00** Chillout Anthems **5.00** Relax

BBC Radio 2

88-90.2 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio2
F'view* 702 F'sat 702 Sky 0102 Virgin 902

6.30am Zoe Ball
Chat, music, texts and, between **8.00** and **9.00**, **Friends Round Friday**, today with Michael McIntyre, Nigella Lawson and Ncuti Gatwa. **9.30** Vernon Kay
Including at **11.40** **Tracks of My Years**, with Jamie Oliver and his final two picks of the week.

12.00 Jeremy Vine
2.00pm Gaby Roslin
Sitting in for Scott Mills. Including at **3.30** a special disco-era edition of the **Wonder Years**, featuring one track each from successive years, starting with 1976.

4.00 Sara Cox
With **All-Request Friday**. **7.00** Michelle Visage
A party playlist, including at **8.30** **Handbag Hits**, this week featuring Christmas number ones, from Boney M to the Human League.

9.00 **The Good Groove with DJ Spoony**
Floor-fillers, starting with the **90s Party Mix**. Plus the **Rewind Selector** and the **Deeper Cuts Mix**.

11.00 **The Rock Show with Johnnie Walker**
12.00 Romesh Ranganathan: **for the Love of Hip-Hop**
1.00am Music programme
2.00 Music programme
4.00 Sophie Ellis-Bextor's **Kitchen Disco** Uplifting disco tunes. **5.00** **Radio 2 in Concert** (R)

BBC 6 Music

DAB bbc.co.uk/6music
Freeview 707 Freesat 707 Sky 0120 Virgin 909

7.30am Lauren Laverne
10.30 Mary Anne Hobbs
1.00pm Craig Charles
4.00 Huw Stephens
7.00 **The People's Party with Afrodeutsche** Including a half-hour takeover by Glasgow-based label Dixon Avenue Basement Jams. **9.00** **6 Music's Indie Forever**
An indie Christmas playlist
11.00 **The Ravers Hour**
12.00 **6 Music's Rave Forever**
1.00am **6 Music's Emo Forever**
2.00 **Focus Beats**
4.00 **Ambient Focus**

Greatest Hits

DAB greatesthitsradio.co.uk
F'view 716 Sky 0151 *Regional variations on FM/MW*
6.00am Rossie **10.00** Ken Bruce
1.00pm Debbie Mac **4.00** Simon Mayo
7.00 Martin Kemp **10.00** Rhythm of the Night **1.00am** Good Times Anthems **2.00** Music Marathon

Boom Radio

DAB boomradio.co.uk
Andy Marriott **7.30**
Graham Dene **10.00** David Lloyd
12.00 David Hamilton **2.00pm** Judi Spiers **4.00** Nicky Horne **6.00** John Peters **8.00** The Easy Hour **9.00** Graham Torrington **12.00** Dave Brown **2.00am** Through the Night

BBC Radio 3

90.2-92.4 FM DAB bbc.co.uk/radio3
Freeview* 703 Freesat 703 Sky 0103 Virgin 903

News and weather as Monday

6.30am Breakfast

Petroc Trelawny with news from the classical world, an eclectic playlist, listeners' texts and the headlines.

9.00 Essential Classics

With Georgia Mann.

12.00 Composer of the Week: Humperdinck

5/5. The Miracle in London. Donald Macleod delves into Humperdinck's musical successes during his final years, which were marked by periods of illness, including a stroke that left him paralysed down one side of his body. He died an international celebrity and at his graveside one of his students sang the *Fiddler's Song* from his opera *Königskinder*. *Winterlied*

Elisabeth Schwarzkopf (soprano), Michael Raucheisen (piano)

Ferdinand and Miranda (Shakespeare Suite No 1)

Bamberg Symphony Orchestra,

conductor Karl Anton Rickenbacher

Die Lerche II; Verrätene Liebe; Unter der Linden

Christina Landshamer (soprano),

Hinrich Alpers (piano)

Hänsel und Gretel (excerpt)

Hänsel

Gretel

Gertrud

Witich

Peter

Tölz Boys' Choir, Bavarian Radio Symphony

Orchestra, conductor Donald Runnicles

Das Wunder (excerpt)

Malmö Opera Orchestra,

conductor Dario Salvi

String Quartet in C, Op 164 (3rd mvt)

Diogenes Quartet

1.00pm Radio 3 Lunchtime Concert

A Baroque Hanukkah.

In a concert from Wednesday at St John's Smith Square in London, vocal act Vache Baroque and the ensemble La Vaghezza unite to celebrate the Hanukkah story and mark 400 years of Jewish violinist and composer Salomone Rossi's groundbreaking publication *The Songs of Solomon* in 1623.

Presented by Hannah French.

2.00 Afternoon Concert

Ian Skelly with a

featured performance of Robert Schumann's *Piano*

Concerto in A minor by Martha Argerich, with the

Berlin Philharmonic under Daniel Barenboim.

Davies Ojai Festival Overture

BBC Philharmonic, conductor Peter Maxwell Davies

L Boulanger D'un matin de printemps (vers small

orchestra) Luxembourg Philharmonic Orchestra,

conductor Mark Stringer

Walton Symphony No 1 (4th mvt) London Symphony

Orchestra, conductor Colin Davis

Schubert Des Fischers Liebesglück, D933

Helen Charlston (mezzo), Kunal Lahiry (piano)

3.00 Schumann Piano Concerto in A minor, Op 54

Martha Argerich, Berlin Philharmonic, conductor

Daniel Barenboim

Falla Three Cornered Hat: Suite No 1

BBC Philharmonic, conductor Juanjo Mena

Fauré Piano Quintet No 1 in D Minor, Op 89 (3rd mvt)

Quatuor Ebbene, Michael Dalberto (piano)

Scala Radio

DAB scalradio.co.uk

7.00am Charles Nove Music, a look at the newspapers

and features including **Questions of the Day** and,

from **9.00**, **Screen Time**, featuring an hour of music

from films, TV shows, adverts and video games.

10.00 Penny Smith Including at **11.30** a guest from

the world of arts and culture. Plus requests from **12.00**.

1.00pm Sam Hughes

4.00 Richard Allinson

7.00 Classical Bangers Darren Redick with an

upbeat playlist to start the weekend.

10.00 The Space Soothing and calming music.

1.00am Night Music **5.00 In the Park**

Asian Network

DAB bbc.co.uk/asiannetwork

F'view 709 F'sat 709 Sky 0119 Virgin 912

6.00am Fresh **7.00** Nikita Kanda **10.00** Asian Network

Certified **11.00** Haroon Rashid **2.00pm** Asian Network

Certified Throwbacks **3.00** The Official Asian Music

Chart **5.00** Asian Network Certified **6.00** Panjabi Hit

Squad **9.00** DJ Limelight **12.00** Desi Dancefloor Mix

1.00am Pure Spice with DJ Manara **4.00** Fresh

4.30 The Listening Service

Rptd from Sun 5pm

5.00 In Tune

With Sean Rafferty, including after **6.00** a live performance by jazz trumpeter Guy Barker ahead of next Wednesday's big band Christmas concert at the Royal Albert Hall in London.

7.00 Classical Mixtape

Nonstop music.

7.30 Radio 3 in Concert

RT In a concert recorded on 1 December at

Bangor University, Linton Stephens

introduces music by Glazunov and Dvorak and

a 2017 piece by Hannah Kendall.

Benjamin Beilman (violin), BBC NOW,

conductor Ryan Bancroft

Hannah Kendall The Spark Catchers

Glazunov Violin Concerto in A minor, Op 82

Dvorak Symphony No 8 in G

10.00 The Verb

Ian McMillan is joined by writers Ben Rawlence,

Andri Snaer Magnason and Lisa Merrick-Lawless,

who both literally and metaphorically have looked

at the retreat of the glaciers and asked

themselves, "What should I do now as a writer to

help us all lead 'good' lives 'in the future'?"

10.45 The Essay: Looking at Leeds

5/5. Khadijah Ibrahim. Khadijah Ibrahim's

essay, *A Journey of Things Past and Present*, looks

at how Leeds's built environment has changed

and what that tells us about it as a society.

11.00 Late Junction

A year-end special in which Verity Sharp revisits

standout moments from gigs, sessions and albums,

with the help of some of this year's featured artists

(including Gaika and Lucy Liyou), plus contributions

from listeners. The playlist includes recently

resurfaced flamenco recordings from the start of

the century, haunting ballads of *Oh Me Oh My* by

American experimental musician and visual artist

Lonnie Holley, improvised sketches with invented

instruments recorded by Eloine between Brazil and

India, and a moonlight-inspired folk song from the

Furrow Collective's album *We Know by the Moon*.

1.00am Composed with Devonté Hynes

Producer Devonté Hynes (aka Blood Orange) celebrates

classical music with playlists featuring music by Debussy

and Philip Glass and a recording by Nina Simone. (R)

2.00 Gameplay with Baby Queen

An energy-themed playlist of video game music, with

highlights of scores by Yasunori Mitsuda (*Chrono Trigger*),

Gustavo Santaolalla (*The Last of Us*) and Marcin

Przybyłowicz (*The Witcher 3: Wild Hunt*). (R)

3.00 Through the Night

Presented by John Shea.

Lutoslawski Novelette Bacewicz Concerto for two

pianos Ligeti Sonatina for piano, four hands (1st mvt)

Brahms Symphony No 2 in D Peter Jablonski and

Elisabeth Brauss (pianos), Finnish Radio Symphony

Orchestra, conductor Nicholas Collon **4.18 Rameau**

Nouvelles suites de pièces de clavecin (selection)

4.40 Berwald Piano Trio No 1 in E flat **5.01 Huber, arr**

Scheurer Look at the Mountains **5.05 Sterkel Viola**

Duet No 2 in E flat **5.14 Hidas Adagio** **5.26 Handel Off**

on a Plat of Rising Ground (L'Allegro, il Penseroso ed il

Moderato) **5.30 Kreisler Four pieces** **5.41 Geminiani**

Concerto grosso in E minor, Op 3 No 6 **5.50 Poulenc**

Litanies à la Vierge noire **6.00 Bantock Celtic**

Symphony **6.21 Schubert Die Bürgschaft, D246**

6.38 Mozart Flute Concerto in D, K314 Revised repeat

Classic FM

99.9-101.9 FM DAB classicfm.com

Freeview 731 Freesat 721 Sky 0106 Virgin 922

6.00am More Music Breakfast With Tim Lihoreau.

9.00 Alexander Armstrong Classical hits, starting

with the **Classic Hall of Fame Hour**, featuring favourite

pieces voted into the current Classic FM Top 300. At

10.15 Album of the Week.

12.00 Anne-Marie Minhall Including at **12.00**

Classic FM Requests and at **3.00 Hall of Fame 3 at 3.**

4.00pm Margherita Taylor Classic FM favourites,

including the **Discovery of the Week** at **6.20.**

7.00 Smooth Classics at Seven Zeb Soanes with

three hours of classical music to help listeners relax

and recharge, including at **9.00** the **Great Escape.**

10.00 Calm Classics With Ritula Shah.

1.00am KatieBreathwick **4.00** Sam Pitts

Absolute Radio

DAB absoluteradio.co.uk

Freeview 727 Freesat 724 Sky 0107 Virgin 915

6.00am Dave Berry **10.00** Leona Graham **1.00pm** Ben

Burrell **4.00** Bush and Richie **7.00** Greatest Hits with

Claire Sturgess **10.00** Sophie K **4.00am** Emil Franchi



BBC Radio 4

92.4–94.6 FM 198 LW DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4
Freeview 704 Freesat 704 (FM) 710 (LW)
Sky 0104 (FM) 0130 (LW) Virgin 904 (FM) 911 (LW)

News, weather and shipping forecasts as Tuesday

5.30am News Briefing

5.43 Prayer for the Day

With the Rev Dr Craig Gardiner.

5.45 Farming Today

Rural issues.

5.58 Tweet of the Day

David Attenborough presents the sound of the starling, a species that during the winter can be seen in million-strong flocks. (R)

6.00 Today

With Martha Kearney and Nick Robinson.

6.25, 7.25, 8.25 Sports News

6.45 Yesterday in Parliament

7.48 Thought for the Day

With the Rev Jayne Manfredi.

8.31 LW Yesterday in Parliament

9.00 Desert Island Discs

Repeated from Sunday 11.15am

9.45 FM Cold Therapy with

Michael Mosley

5/5. **Sleep and the Cold.** Michael Mosley reveals surprisingly simple tips to improve health and wellbeing. Here, he explains how keeping a colder bedroom can lead to better, deeper sleep. All episodes available on BBC Sounds. Repeated 12.30am

9.45 LW Daily Service

Led by Grace Thomas. John 1, vv1–14. The Advent Candle, performed by Commotio; Corpus Christi Carol, sung by Voces 8; A Child of God Is Born, performed by Yvonne Lyon.

10.00 Woman's Hour

With Anita Rani.

11.00 The Briefing Room

Repeated from yesterday 8pm

11.30 Disordered

2/4. **Light, Dark, Light.** Comedy drama by Magnus Mackintosh. Hector is frustrated in his attempts to restore his benefits by his terminally unsympathetic benefits adviser and winds up dealing with loan sharks and even somebody helpful before finally the lights go out on him and William. He then gets his hands on some cash from an unlikely source, and, as ever, neighbour Susan and William are on hand with plenty of good advice.

Hector	Jamie Sives	Gabriel	Moray Hunter
Susan	Rosalind Sydney	Adviser/Checkout person	
Amanda	Gail Watson		Jenny Ryan
William	Raffi Phillips	Dodgy	Gordon Kennedy

Thresher/Bert Steven McNicoll

Producers/Directors Gordon Kennedy and Moray Hunter

12.04pm AntiSocial

6/7. Adam Fleming investigates an issue of the day, exploring something that's being fiercely debated from social media and blogs to talk shows and phone-ins.

Producer Lucy Proctor; Executive producer Emma Rippon
Repeated Wednesday 8pm

1.00 The World at One

Presented by Jonny Dymond.

BBC Radio 4 Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/radio4extra

Freeview 708 Freesat 708 Sky 0126 Virgin 910

6.00am Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

6.30 The Same River Twice

7.00 Snow

7.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week

7.30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes

8.00 Albert and Me

8.30 Rent

9.00 The Food Quiz

9.30 The Right Time

10.00 Inspector Hanaut

11.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

11.30 The Same River Twice

12.00 Snow

12.15pm How to Write a Novel in a Week

12.30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes

1.00 Albert and Me

1.30 Rent

2.00 The Food Quiz

2.30 The Right Time

3.00 Inspector Hanaut

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1.45 Empire of Tea

10/10. **Tea or Coffee?** Sathnam Sanghera explores why coffee failed to take off in Britain in the way that tea did. And he considers what coffee's resurgence in the 21st century means for tea.

2.00 The Archers

Repeated from yesterday 7pm

2.15 Drama: English Rose

3/5. **Transylvania.** Fantasy horror by Helen Cross. Rose won't survive "the Old Land". Her mother means Transylvania, so when Rose arrives at a picturesque town in the shadow of the Carpathian Mountains she's on high alert. Rose's arrival is a nasty surprise for Siobhan too. She wants to go home, yes, but not in a body bag. And if Austin has "reappeared" here, then Rose has to be ready for a fight. All episodes are available on BBC Sounds.

Rose	Alexandra Mardell	Dakota	Rhiannon Neads
Maya	Miranda Braun	Alina	Kitty O'Sullivan
Austin	Demetri Goritsas	Gully	Bruce Casswell
Siobhan	Deirdre Mullins	Gym owner	Don Gilet
Delphine	Yasemin Ozdemir	Englishman	Martin Bonger
Mam	Jane Thornton	Angry man	Douglas Hodgson
Jack	Tyler Cameron		

Director Mary Ward-Lowery

2.45 Multitrack: Somali Funk –

a Story of Sonic Resistance

A programme commissioned as part of the Multitrack Fellowship for audio producers. Sagal Hersi's chance encounter with some funk music from her parents time in Somalia sparks a journey to discover how it was used to unite and strengthen the movement for change in Somalia in the 70s and 80s. Often frustrating, the messy story reveals much but leaves Sagal with perhaps more questions than answers.

Producer Sagal Hersi

3.00 Gardeners' Question Time

At Wildmoor Heath in Bracknell Forest, Berkshire, chair Peter Gibbs invites Christine Walkden, Matthew Wilson and Matt Biggs to answer the audience's horticultural queries. Producer Bethany Hocken Repeated Sunday 2pm

3.45 Short Works

New series. *Mudlarks* by Sophie Haycock. Comedy distraction from her work, a junior doctor looks to take up mudlarking on the Thames in London. Read by Bryony Hannah. Producer Jeremy Osborne Repeated tomorrow 9.45pm

4.00 Last Word

Matthew Bannister presents the programme that profiles the lives of the recently deceased. Producer Gareth Nelson Davies Rptd Sunday 8.30pm

4.30 Feedback

10/11. Andrea Catherwood presents the programme that aims to hold the BBC to account on behalf of the radio audience. Producer Gill Davies Repeated Sunday 8pm

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5.00 PM

Presented by Anita Anand.

4.00 Paul Temple and the Alex Affair

4.30 The Same River Twice

5.00 Snow

5.15 How to Write a Novel in a Week

5.30 Between Ourselves with Marian Keyes

6.00 Albert and Me

6.30 Rent

7.00 The Food Quiz

7.30 The Right Time

8.00 Mark Watson's Inner Child

8.30 Soul Music

The emotional impact of the Appalachian Christmas carol *I Wonder as I Wander*, written by folklorist John Jacob Niles following a fundraising meeting held by evangelicals in 1933

9.00 The Curious Cases of Rutherford and Fry

9.15 Witness History

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9.45 Witness History

10.00–12.00 Comedy Club: Scott Bennett: Stuff

10.30 Wondermental Cabaret

11.00 On the Hour

11.30 Weak at the Top

12.00 The Three Knots

12.45am The Signalman

1.00 as 3pm 2.00 as 4pm

2.30 as 4.30pm 3.00 as 5pm 3.15 as 5.15pm

3.30 as 5.30pm 4.00 as 6pm 4.30 as 6.30pm

5.00 as 7pm 5.30 as 7.30pm

6.00 Six o'Clock News

6.30 Dead Ringers

1/2. Comedy impressions with a festive twist, performed by Jon Culshaw, Lewis MacLeod, Jan Ravens, Jess Robinson and Duncan Wisbey. Producer Bill Dare Repeated tomorrow 12.30pm

7.00 The Archers

Alice takes a gamble and David faces a difficult memory.

Brian Aldridge	Charles Collingwood	Justin Elliott	Stephen Kennedy
Ben Norris	Ben Norris	Joy Horville	Simon Williams
Timothy Bentinck	Timothy Bentinck	Paul Mack	Paul Venables
Daisy Badger	Daisy Badger	Adam Macy	Jackie Lye
David Troughton	David Troughton	Freddie Paragetter	Joshua Riley
Sunny Ormonde	Sunny Ormonde	Lily Paragetter	Andrew Wincott
Leonard Berry	Leonard Berry	Stella Pryor	Toby Laurence
Hollie Chapman	Hollie Chapman	Lynda Snell	Katie Redford
Harry Chilcott	Harry Chilcott	Jack Ashton	Lucy Speed
Writer Sarah McDonald Hughes	Writer Sarah McDonald Hughes	Director/Editor Jeremy Howe	Carole Boyd

7.15 Screenshot

New series. 1/8. Terence Davies Ellen E Jones and Mark Kermod celebrate the life and career of much-loved Liverpudlian screenwriter and director Terence Davies, who died earlier this year at the age of 77. Mark speaks to Scottish actor Jack Lowden, who played poet Siegfried Sassoon in Davies's final feature, *Benediction*. He also talks to *Afternoon* director Charlotte Wells about how Davies has influenced her work. Ellen discusses Davies's relationship to Liverpool with writer Frank Cottrell-Boyce. Producer Jane Long Repeated tomorrow 10.15pm

8.00 Any Questions?

Alex Forsyth chairs the political forum at the Stonehenge Visitor Centre, with a panel including Liberal Democrats leader Ed Davey and Labour MP Darren Jones. Producer Camellia Sinclair Repeated tomorrow 1.00pm

8.50 A Point of View

A reflection on a topical issue.

Repeated Sunday 8.48am

9.00 Empire of Tea

2/2. Omnibus edition of the week's episodes from the series in which Sathnam Sanghera tells the story of the national drink.

10.00 The World Tonight

Presented by Shaun Ley.

10.45 Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

5/10. By Naoise Dolan. Archie tells Luke how he's been feeling. Read by Seána Kerslake. For details see Monday

11.00 Americast

With Justin Webb, Sarah Smith, Marianna Spring and Anthony "The Zurch" Zurcher.

11.30 Today in Parliament

12.00 News and Weather

12.30–12.45am Cold Therapy with

Michael Mosley

Repeated from 9.45am (FM only)

1.00 as BBC World Service

BBC World Service

DAB bbc.co.uk/worldserviceradio

Freeview* 710 Freesat 711 Sky 0115 Virgin 906

Programmes may differ online, and on Freesat, Sky, and Virgin

5.00am Newsday

8.00 News

8.05 Hardtalk

8.30 Business Daily

8.50 Witness History

9.00 The Newsroom

9.30 Science in Action

10.00 News

10.05 The Real Story

11.00 The Newsroom

11.30 Heart and Soul: Esther Ogola

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News and sport bulletin every half-hour
Times vary during live sports coverage

5.00am Wake Up to Money

6.00 5 Live Breakfast With Rick Edwards and Connie McLaughlin.

9.00 Nicky Campbell

11.00 Chiles on Friday

1.00pm Defoe and Deeney
Football Firsts Jermain Defoe and Troy Deeney recall the first self-doubt in their careers.

1.30 **My Mate's a Footballer** Joe Wilkinson wants to make footballer Patrick Bamford become his new best mate.

2.00 Elis James and John Robins

4.00 5 Live Drive

7.00 5 Live Sport

Including at 7.00 **The Friday Football Social**, with Darren Fletcher and guests Kevin Nolan, Michael Brown and Paul Robinson looking ahead to the weekend's action. And at 9.00 5 Live Rugby, featuring live second-half commentary on Northampton Saints v Toulon in the European Champions Cup.

10.00 Stephen Nolan

Topical show.

1.00am Laura McGhie

BBC 5 Sports Extra

DAB bbc.co.uk/sports extra

F'view 706 F'sat 706 Sky 0131 Virgin 908

5.00am–11.00 Test Cricket

Continued coverage of Australia v Pakistan on day two of the First Test.

2.00am–11.00 Test Cricket

Australia v Pakistan on day three of the First Test in Perth.

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Talksport

1053, 1089 MW DAB talksport.co.uk

F'view 723 F'sat 731 Sky 0108 Virgin 927

6.00am Talksport Breakfast

Presented by Alan Brazil.

10.00 Jim White and Simon

Jordan

Sporting insight.

1.00pm Hawksbee and Jacobs

4.00 Talksport Drive

With Andy Goldstein and Darren Bent.

7.00 Premier League Football

Nottingham Forest v Tottenham

Hotspur (kick-off 8.00).

10.00 Sports Bar

1.00am Extra Time with Martin

Kelner Topical discussion.

Talksport 2

DAB talksport.co.uk

1.00pm–3.00 Racing

From Cheltenham and Bangor.

7.00–10.00 PDC World Darts

Championship

Day one at Alexandra Palace, London.

LBC

97.3 FM (London area) DAB lbc.co.uk

F'view 732 F'sat 734 Sky 0123 Virgin 919

7.00am Nick Ferrari

10.00 James

O'Brien

Face behind the voice

Robbie Vincent Jazz FM



Age 77
Current job
Presenter since 2021 of Jazz FM's *Robbie Vincent's Music Garden* (Sundays 1pm-3pm)

– “the culmination of 50 years of championing soul and funk and jazz”. Classic acts like Marvin Gaye and the Average White Band feature, but “2023 is one of the most exciting years I can remember for new acts, like the sax player Jasmine Myra”.
CV Born in Lowestoft and brought up in Kent, he left school at 15 to be a messenger at the *Sunday People* newspaper. He got himself trained in newspaper basics and within a few years was working as a reporter on the *London Evening Standard*. In 1969, at the age of only 23, he was one of the first reporters from the UK mainland to be sent to Northern Ireland to cover the eruption of the Troubles. An assignment to report on pirate radio led to an opportunity at the fledgling BBC Radio London. In 1976 he moved from news reporting to presenting his own music show,

specialising in soul imports that listeners had little access to elsewhere. Then in 1984 he began presenting a weekend show on Radio 1 – the era of Simon Bates, Mike Read and Mike Smith. The show ended in 1989, but Vincent remained active on LBC, Kiss FM and now Jazz FM. He has also DJ'd, in 1978 helping institute an “all-dayer” at a club in Purley, Surrey, that was seen as the south of England’s answer to northern soul.
Best moments “Musically, the time I chatted to Marvin Gaye. Journalistically – and I’m still a news man – when I knew Christine Keeler and accompanied her to court during the Profumo scandal.”
Worst moment “Interviewing the funk legend James Brown at his hotel in Park Lane. He talked at a million miles an hour, and it was hard to get the best out of him because he was more interested in being fixed up with women. Then when I got back to the office, the interview hadn’t recorded properly. Somehow the tech people rescued it but I’ll never forget what a terrible experience it was.”

Off air “I live in south London with my wife, Janet. I love travelling. The Maharajah Express train in India was amazing. I also loved Orkney.”
First radio memory “Radio Luxembourg, which we used to call Radio Fadenbourg, because the medium-wave signal was so dodgy that the music would fade in and out. Growing up, I’d also listen to American Forces Radio, which was where I first heard Sam Cooke.”
Favourite broadcasters “My one-time colleague Roger Scott. He was on Capital and then went to Radio 1. He was one of the few DJs who knew and understood the music they were playing.”
Ambition/Dream job “I’ve been very lucky, I’ve been doing my dream job all my career. You have to work hard and make sacrifices – like working Saturday nights as an 18-year-old – but c’est la vie.”
Secret skills “I used to be involved in greyhound racing. I owned greyhounds. So if you entrusted one to me, I’d know how to look after it.” **SIMON O’HAGAN**
planetradio.co.uk/robbie-vincent

6.30 Tue: Babs Michel **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Gloucestershire

Saturday
6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **11.50** Matchday **6pm** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** David Smith **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Jon Smith **10.00 Mon/Tue:** David Smith; **Wed–Fri:** Nicky Price **2pm** Chris Baxter; **Fri:** Graham Rogers **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Sports Roundup; **Tue:** Scrum; **Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload; **7.00 Mon:** Manny Masih; **Tue:** Dan Pascoe; **Fri:** Matchnight **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.30 Wed:** Mums without Makeup **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Guernsey

Saturday
6am Harry Barratt **10.00** Jim Delbridge **2pm** Warren Muggleton **6.00** Stereo Underground **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Matthew Price **10.00** Jim Delbridge **2pm** John Randall **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Tim Hunter **10.00** Steph Watkins **2pm** Darcy Kelly; **Fri:** Harry Barratt **6.00 Mon:** James Dundon; **Tue/Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** BBC Introducing; **Fri:** John Randall **8.00 Thu:** Stereo Underground **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Hereford/Worcester

Saturday
6am Lorna Bailey **10.00** Liz Ellis **2.00** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Donna Alos **10.00** Liz Ellis **2pm** Paula White **6.00** Gagan Grewal **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Tammy Gooding **10.00** Elliott Webb **2pm** Toni McDonald **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Sport; **Tue/Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon/Fri:** Gagan Grewal **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Humberside

Saturday
6am Fiona Mills **10.00** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Sport **5.00** Football Forum **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Fiona Mills **10.00** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Kofi Smiles **9.05 Fri:** Kofi’s Good Things **10.00** Carla Greene

2pm Richard Stead **6.00** Sportstalk **7.00 Mon:** Arzu Dutta; **Tue/Wed:** Sport; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sile Sibanda **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.40 Wed:** Football Forum **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Jersey

Saturday
6am Harry Barratt **10.00** Jim Delbridge **2pm** Warren Muggleton **6.00** Stereo Underground **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Matthew Price **10.00** Jim Delbridge **2pm** John Randall **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Jenny Mullin **10.00** Alison Moss **2pm** Darcy Kelly; **Fri:** Harry Barratt **6.00 Mon:** James Dundon; **Tue/Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** BBC Introducing; **Fri:** John Randall **8.00 Thu:** Stereo Underground **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Kent

Saturday
6am Allison Ferns **10.00** Stephen Brown **2pm** Sports Hub **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Allison Ferns **10.00** Pat Marsh **2pm** Erika North **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Bill Rennells
Monday–Friday
6am The Wake Up Call **10.00** Dominic King **2pm** Adam Dowling **6.00 Mon:** Game Changers; **Tue/Wed:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** The Huddle **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobit; **Fri:** Dan Simpson **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **9.00 Wed:** Kathy Caton **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Lancashire

Saturday
6am Paul Beesley **10.00** Hayley Kay **2pm** Matchday **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Joe Wilson **10.00** Hayley Kay **2pm** Billy Hui **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Graham Liver **10.00** Sharon Hartley **2pm** Nishma Hindocha **6.00** Sport; **Tue:** Matchnight Live **7.00 Mon:** Raees Khan; **Wed:** Joel Mitchell; **Thu:** Upload **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing; **Fri:** Rachel Teate **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Leeds

Saturday
6am Kat Cowan **10.00** Nick Ahad **11.30** Sport **6pm** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Kat Cowan **10.00** Becky Measures **2pm** Sile Sibanda **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Berkshire

Saturday
6am Katie Martin **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Katie Tyler **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Bill Rennells
Monday–Friday
6am Kirsten O’Brien; **Wed/Fri:** Vernon Harwood **10.00** Sarah Walker **2pm** Bridgitte Tetteh **6.00 Mon/Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Kick-Off **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobit; **Fri:** Andy Jones **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Bristol

Saturday
6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Sport **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Steve Yabsley **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Joe Sims; **Mon:** Claire Cavanagh **10.00** John Darvall **2pm** Claire Carter; **Fri:** Andy Bennett **6.00 Mon:** Sound of the City; **Tue:** The Pavilion; **Wed:** The Sports Store; **Thu:** Having a Gas; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Manny Masih; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Kevin Philemon **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Cambridgeshire

Saturday
6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** John Leech Soul Show **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Dotty McLeod **10.00** Chris Mann **2pm** Louise Hulland **6.00** Sport; **Tue/Wed:** Babs Michel **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Cornwall

Saturday
6am Mel Osborne **10.00** Daytime **2pm** Sport **6.00** Dan Pascoe **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Faith Programme **10.00** Mid Morning **2pm** Afternoon Show **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am James Churchfield **10.00** Julie Skentelbery **2pm** David White **6.00** Dan Pascoe; **Mon:** Anoushka Williams **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Cumbria

Saturday
6am Paul Beesley **10.00** Hayley Kay **2.00** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Joe Wilson **10.00** Hayley Kay **2pm** Billy Hui **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Mike Zeller **10.00** Stephanie Finnon **2pm** Nishma Hindocha **6.00** Sport; **Wed:** Joel Mitchell; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon:** Emma Millen; **Fri:** Rachel Teate **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

CWR

Saturday
6am Lorna Bailey **10.00** Elise Evans **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Donna Alos **10.00** Elise Evans **2pm** Paula White **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Phil Upton **10.00** Vic Minett **2pm** Trish Adudu **6.00** Sport; **Mon:** Sky Blues Fancast Live; **Fri:** The Sound of the Sky Blues **7.00 Mon:** Gagan Grewal; **Tue:** Arun Verma; **Wed:** Sport; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Merisha Stevenson **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Derby

Saturday
6am Becky Measures **10.00** Dino **2pm** Sportscene **6.00** Dean Jackson **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Kelly Hinch **10.00** Dino **2pm** Dean Jackson **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Andy Twigg **10.00** Ian Skye **2pm** Ben Jackson **6.00** SportsScene **7.00 Mon:** Shruti Chauhan; **Tue/Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Dean Jackson; **Fri:** Letitia George **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Devon

Saturday
6am Caroline Cook **10.00** Richard Green **12.00** Sport **6pm** Dan Pascoe **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Mel Osborne **10.00** Toby Buckland **2pm** Mel Everett **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am John Acres **10.00** Caroline Densley **2pm** David White **6.00 Mon:** Anoushka Williams; **Tue/Thu/Fri:** Dan Pascoe; **Wed:** Rick Edwards **7.00 Wed:** Sport **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Essex

Saturday
6am Babs Michel **10.00** Sadie Nine **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good
Sunday
6am Babs Michel **10.00** Sadie Nine **2pm** John Leech **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want
Monday–Friday
6am Sonia Watson **10.00** Ben Fryer **2pm** Akyiah Rodriguez **6.00 Mon:** Sport; **Tue:** Framed; **Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** BBC Essex Fans Phone-in

Monday–Friday

6am Rima Ahmed **10.00** Gayle Lofthouse **2pm** Toby Foster **6.00** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Arzu Dutta; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** John Kane; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sile Sibanda **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am (Tue: 10.30)** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Leicester**Saturday**

6am Becky Measures **10.00** Dino **1pm** Early Kick-off **2.00** Sport **6.00** The Beat **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch **10.00** Dino **1pm** Kick-off **2.00** Sport **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Ady Dayman **10.00** Summaya Mughal **2pm** Ben Jackson **6.00** Mon: Football Forum; **Tue:** Game Night; **Wed:** Rugby Show; **Thu:** The Boot Room; **Fri:** Weekend Preview **7.00 Mon:** Shruti Chauhan; **Tue:** Arun Verma; **Wed:** Sport; **Thu:** Dean Jackson; **Fri:** Letitia George **10.00–1am (Wed: 11.00):** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Lincolnshire**Saturday**

6am Fiona Mills **10.00** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Hope and Glory **6.00** Beat **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Fiona Mills **10.00** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Sarah-Jane Honeywell **6.00** Country Lincs **7.00** Folk **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Scott Dalton **10.00** Frances Finn; **Fri:** Sean Dunderdale **2pm** Richard Stead **6.00** In the Game; **Tue/Fri:** Hope and Glory **7.00 Mon:** Arzu Dutta; **Wed:** John Kane's Northern Soul; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sile Sibanda **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

London**Saturday**

5am Clairra Hermet **7.00** Carrie and David Grant **10.00** Robert Elms **1pm** Women's Sport **2.00** Sport **6.00** Gary Crowley **8.00** Introducing **10.00** Jo Good **1am–5.00** Anna Jameson

Sunday

5am Clairra Hermet **6.00** Inspirat **9.00** Robert Elms **12.00** Gaby Roslin **3pm** Kath Melandri **6.00** Tony Blackburn's Soul on Sunday **7.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00** Becky Want **1am–5.00** Dotun Adebayo

Monday–Friday

5am Jason Rosam **7.00** Salma El-Wardany; **Fri:** Jim Davis **10.00** Eddie Nestor; **Fri:** Robert Elms **2pm** Jumoké Fashola; **Mon:** Shay Grewal **6.00** Sport **8.00** The Scene **10.00** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good **1am–5.00** Dotun Adebayo; **Fri:** Laura McGhie

Manchester**Saturday**

6am Phil Trow **10.00** Simone Riley **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload

8.00 BBC Introducing

10.00–1am Jo Good

Sunday

6am Phil Trow **10.00** Simone Riley **2pm** Sport **7.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Anna Jameson; **Mon:** Stacey Copeland **10.00** Mike Sweeney; **Fri:** Joe McGrath **2pm** Michelle Dignan; **Thu/Fri:** Simone Riley **6.00** Sport **7.00 Mon/Wed:** Sport; **Tue:** Jade Burns; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** UK Black **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Merseyside**Saturday**

6am Paul Beesley **10.00** Sean Styles **12.00** Total Sport **6pm** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Joe Wilson **10.00** Sean Styles **1.30pm** Total Sport **2.00** DAB Billy Hui **5.00** Billy Hui **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Phil Munns; **Fri:** Lisa Marrey **10.00** Tony Snell **2pm** Helen Jones **6.00** Total Sport **8.00 Mon:** Raees Khan; **Tue:** Jade Burns; **Wed:** Joel Mitchell; **Thu:** Introducing; **Fri:** Ngunan Adamu **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Newcastle**Saturday**

6am Tom Campbell **10.00** Kelly Scott **12.00** Sport **6pm** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–12 midnight** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Chris Felton **9.00** Garden Mania **10.00** Kelly Scott **2pm** Simon Logan **4.00** Sport **7.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Matt Bailey **10.00** Anna Foster **2pm** Scott Makin **6.00** Sport **8.00 Mon/Fri:** Rachel Teate; **Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Norfolk**Saturday**

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** Sport **5.00** Canary Call **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** John Leech Soul Show **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Chris Goreham; **Mon:** Rosanna Tennant **10.00** Kayleigh Poacher **2pm** Louise Hulland **6.00 Mon:** The Scrimmage; **Tue/Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Yellow Friday **6.30 Fri:** Local Report **6.40 Mon:** Racing Torque **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Wed:** Sport; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.45 Wed:** Canary Call **10.00–1am (Wed: 10.30)** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Northampton**Saturday**

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Justin Dealey **2pm** Sport **7.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Justin Dealey **2pm** Paul Lovett **4.00** John Leech **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **8.00** Mark Punter **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Annabel Amos **10.00** Bernie Keith **2pm** Roberto Perrone **6.00 Mon:** Chance Litchfield; **Tue:** Babs Michel; **Wed:** Saints Show; **Thu:** Cobblers Show; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Nottingham**Saturday**

6am Becky Measures **10.00** Dino **2pm** Matchday **6.00** Dean Jackson **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Kelly Hinch **10.00** Dino **2pm** Dean Jackson **5.00** We Are Notts **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Sarah Julian **10.00** Verity Cowley **2pm** Ben Jackson **6.00** In the Game **7.00 Mon:** Shruti Chauhan; **Tue/Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Dean Jackson; **Fri:** Matchnight **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Oxford**Saturday**

6am Katie Martin **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Katie Tyler **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Bill Rennells

Monday–Friday

6am Sophie Law; **Mon:** Jerome Sale **10.00** Lilley Mitchell; **Mon/Tue:** Adam Ball **2pm** Bridgitte Tetteh **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Sport; **Tue:** Danny Cox; **Wed:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobil; **Tue:** Sport; **Fri:** Dan Simpson **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Sheffield**Saturday**

6am Kat Cowan **9.00** Yorkshire Kitchen **10.00** Nick Ahad **2pm** Football Heaven **5.00** Praise or Grumble **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Kat Cowan **9.00** The Grow Show **10.00** Becky Measures **2pm** Sile Sibanda **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Ellie Colton **10.00** Paulette Edwards **2pm** Toby Foster **6.00** Football

7.00 Mon: Arzu Dutta; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sile Sibanda **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Shropshire**Saturday**

6am Lorna Bailey **10.00** Liz Ellis **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Donna Alos **10.00** Liz Ellis **2pm** Paula White **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Adam Green **10.00** Clare Ashford **2pm** Toni McDonald **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Sports Hour; **Tue:** Arun Verma; **Wed:** Carols in the Square; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon:** Gagan Grewal; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Arun Verma; **Fri:** Merisha Stevenson **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Radio Solent**Saturday**

6am Katie Martin **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Katie Tyler **10.00** Alice Hopkins **2pm** Tony Blackburn **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Alun Newman **10.00** Lou Hannan **2pm** Afternoon Show **6.00 Mon:** Fern Buckley; **Tue/Fri:** Sport; **Wed:** Jordan Clark; **Thu:** Fan Club **7.00 Mon/Wed:** Sport; **Tue:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Dan Simpson **8.00 Wed:** Dorset DAB Stereo; **Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

103.8 FOR WEST DORSET

As Radio Solent, including Dorset news and features, plus:

Monday–Friday

7am–9.00 Steve Harris

Somerset**Saturday**

6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Mel Everett **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Charlie Taylor **10.00** Simon Parkin **2pm** Claire Carter; **Fri:** Andy Bennett **6.00 Mon:** Sound of the City; **Tue:** Scrum; **Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Having a Gas; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Manny Masih; **Tue:** Midweek Match; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Kevin Philemon **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.30 Wed:** Mums without Makeup **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Stoke**Saturday**

6am Lorna Bailey **10.00** Liz Ellis **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Donna Alos **10.00** Liz Ellis **2pm** Paula White **6.00** Gagan Grewal **8.00** Nikki Tapper **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Lee Blakeman **10.00** Stuart George **2pm** Toni McDonald **6.00** Sport; **Fri:** Praise and Grumble **7.00 Mon:** Gagan Grewal; **Tue:** Sport; **Wed:** Arun Verma; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Merisha Stevenson **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Suffolk**Saturday**

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** Matchday **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Amir Suleman **2pm** John Leech **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Wayne Bavin **10.00** Sarah Lilley **2pm** Louise Hulland **6.00 Mon:** Tractor Social; **Tue:** Matchnight; **Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

BBC Surrey and BBC Sussex**Saturday**

6am Allison Ferns **10.00** Stephen Brown **2pm** Tim Durrans **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Allison Ferns **10.00** Pat Marsh **2pm** Erika North **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Surrey: James Cannon; **Sussex:** Danny Pike **10.00** Sarah Gorrell **2pm** Adam Dowling **6.00 Mon:** Game Changers; **Tue/Wed:** Stephen Brown; **Thu:** Leo Ulph; **Fri:** Sporting Preview **7.00 Mon:** Rena Annobil; **Fri:** Dan Simpson **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **9.00 Tue:** Sussex: Sport Focus; **Wed:** Kathy Caton **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Tees**Saturday**

6am Tom Campbell **10.00** Kelly Scott **2.00** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Chris Felton **9.00** Garden Mania **10.00** Kelly Scott **2pm** Simon Logan **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Amy Oakden **10.00** Gary Philipson **2pm** Kelly Scott; **Mon:** Scott Makin **6.00** Sport **7.00 Mon:** Emma Millen; **Tue:** Jade Burns; **Thu:** Upload; **Fri:** Rachel Teate **8.00 Thu:** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am (Wed: 10.30)** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Three Counties**Beds, Herts and Bucks****Saturday**

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Justin Dealey **2pm** Sport **5.00** 5-0-5 **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Babs Michel **10.00** Justin Dealey **1pm** Sport **4.00** John Leech **6.00** Ray Clark **8.00** Mark Punter **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Andy Collins **10.00** JVS **2pm** Roberto Perrone **6.00 Mon:** Non League; **Tue/Fri:** Sport; **Wed:** Babs Michel; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon:** Farzana Chaudry; **Fri:** Angelle Joseph **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

Wiltshire**Saturday**

6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Sport **6.00** Upload **8.00** Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

6am Caroline Martin **10.00** Andy Bennett **2pm** Dominic Cotter **6.00** Dotun Adebayo **10.00–1am** Becky Want

Monday–Friday

6am Ben Prater **10.00** Sue Davies **2pm** Chris Baxter; **Fri:** Graham Rogers **6.00 Mon/Fri:** Sport; **Tue/Wed:** Dan Pascoe; **Thu:** Upload **7.00 Mon:** Manny Masih; **Fri:** Kevin Philemon **8.00 Thu:** Introducing **10.00–1am** Becky Want; **Fri:** Jo Good

WM**Saturday**

6am Lorna Bailey **10.00** Elise Evans **12.00** Sport **6pm** Upload **8.00** BBC Introducing **10.00–1am** Jo Good

Sunday

Face behind the voice

Robbie Vincent Jazz FM



Age 77
Current job
Presenter since 2021 of Jazz FM's *Robbie Vincent's Music Garden* (Sundays 1pm-3pm)

– “the culmination of 50 years of championing soul and funk and jazz”. Classic acts like Marvin Gaye and the Average White Band feature, but “2023 is one of the most exciting years I can remember for new acts, like the sax player Jasmine Myra”.
CV Born in Lowestoft and brought up in Kent, he left school at 15 to be a messenger at the *Sunday People* newspaper. He got himself trained in newspaper basics and within a few years was working as a reporter on the *London Evening Standard*. In 1969, at the age of only 23, he was one of the first reporters from the UK mainland to be sent to Northern Ireland to cover the eruption of the Troubles. An assignment to report on pirate radio led to an opportunity at the fledgling BBC Radio London. In 1976 he moved from news reporting to presenting his own music show,

specialising in soul imports that listeners had little access to elsewhere. Then in 1984 he began presenting a weekend show on Radio 1 – the era of Simon Bates, Mike Read and Mike Smith. The show ended in 1989, but Vincent remained active on LBC, Kiss FM and now Jazz FM. He has also DJ'd, in 1978 helping institute an “all-day” at a club in Purley, Surrey, that was seen as the south of England's answer to northern soul.
Best moments “Musically, the time I chatted to Marvin Gaye. Journalistically – and I'm still a news man – when I knew Christine Keeler and accompanied her to court during the Profumo scandal.”
Worst moment “Interviewing the funk legend James Brown at his hotel in Park Lane. He talked at a million miles an hour, and it was hard to get the best out of him because he was more interested in being fixed up with women. Then when I got back to the office, the interview hadn't recorded properly. Somehow the tech people rescued it but I'll never forget what a terrible experience it was.”

Off air “I live in south London with my wife, Janet. I love travelling. The Maharajah Express train in India was amazing. I also loved Orkney.”
First radio memory “Radio Luxembourg, which we used to call Radio Fadenbourg, because the medium-wave signal was so dodgy that the music would fade in and out. Growing up, I'd also listen to American Forces Radio, which was where I first heard Sam Cooke.”
Favourite broadcasters “My one-time colleague Roger Scott. He was on Capital and then went to Radio 1. He was one of the few DJs who knew and understood the music they were playing.”
Ambition/Dream job “I've been very lucky, I've been doing my dream job all my career. You have to work hard and make sacrifices – like working Saturday nights as an 18-year-old – but c'est la vie.”
Secret skills “I used to be involved in greyhound racing. I owned greyhounds. So if you entrusted one to me, I'd know how to look after it.” **SIMON O'HAGAN**
planetradio.co.uk/robbie-vincent

Tuesday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER:
LOCAL NEWS as Monday

6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at **7.45** and **8.45**, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at **7.08, 7.35, 8.08** and **8.35**.

9.00 Mornings

Kaye Adams gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say on the day's stories.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Janice Forsyth presents a round-up of what's happening in the Scottish arts, entertainment and music scenes.

4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Get It On...

with Bryan Burnett
Bryan Burnett presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a request played on the radio, text 80295. Email: geiton@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Another Country with Ricky Ross

Exclusive performances and conversations with some of the artists playing the main stage of the C2C: Country to Country festival in Glasgow.

10.00 Roddy Hart

An inviting mix of new music and back-catalogue selections.

12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER:
LOCAL NEWS as Monday

6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at **7.45** and **8.45**, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at **7.08, 7.35, 8.08** and **8.35**.

9.00 Mornings

Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Michelle McManus presents a Scottish arts, entertainment and music round-up.

4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

FM only from 7.00

6.00 Get It On...

with Bryan Burnett
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Radio Scotland Extra

7.00–10.30 Sportsound
Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary, breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

FM only

8.00 The Quay Sessions with Roddy Hart

Live performances from across the musical landscape – all captured in front of an audience in the intimate setting of the foyer at BBC Radio Scotland's Pacific Quay.

FM only until 10.30

10.00 Vic Galloway

Vic introduces new releases from Scotland's alternative artists, along with classic tracks, gig reviews, votes, vinyl, MP3s and just about everything else. Repeated from Monday 8pm

12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Thursday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER:
LOCAL NEWS as Monday

6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at **7.45** and **8.45**, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at **7.08, 7.35, 8.08** and **8.35**.

9.00 Mornings

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12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Michelle McManus presents a round-up of what's happening in the Scottish entertainment and music scenes.

FM only from 5.30

4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

Radio Scotland Extra

5.30–10.30 Sportsound
Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary, breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

FM only

6.00 Get It On...

with Bryan Burnett
Bryan Burnett presents a selection of music chosen by listeners. Text 80295. Email: geiton@bbc.co.uk

Saturday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER
hourly 8.00am to 12 noon, 6.00pm, 7.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12 midnight
NEWS HEADLINES 2.00pm, 5.00

6.30am Out of Doors

Mark Stephen and Rachel Stewart present stories from the great outdoors in Scotland and beyond. Email: outofdoors@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad, along with regular sport, travel and weather updates.

10.00 Shereen

Shereen Nanjiani and guests with a unique take on the things getting Scotland talking this Saturday morning.

11.30 Breaking the News

Des Clarke hosts the award-winning comedy news quiz. Repeated from yesterday

12.00 Off the Ball

Football forum that claims to be the most petty and ill-informed football show on radio, with light-hearted features and competitions. Presented by Stuart Cosgrove and Tam Cowan. Text 80295. Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

2.00pm Sportsound

Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live and exclusive commentary, breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

5.30 Sportsound

Fans react to the day's big football stories. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

7.00 Take the Floor

Gary Innes presents a compilation of his favourite dance bands and live sessions. Email: takethefloor@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Piping Sounds

Radio Scotland plays a selection of pipe music.

10.00 Billy Sloan

A varied selection of music from the rich history of Scotland's – and the rest of the world's – rock and pop.

1.00am–7.00 as Radio 5 Live

Sunday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER
hourly 6.00am to 9.00, 11.00, 12 noon, 2.00pm, 5.00, hourly 7.00 to 11.00

7.00am New Every Sunday

Acts of worship from different churches around Scotland.

7.30 Playback

Heather Kane presents highlights from the week that was on BBC Radio Scotland.

8.00 Sunday Morning

Cathy Macdonald presents music and conversation with a faith and ethical perspective, looking back at the week's events to ask what they say about people's beliefs.

10.00 The Sunday Show

Martin Geissler and Fiona Stalker discuss the big issues of the week and talk to the people behind the headlines.

11.45 Sportsound

Comprehensive coverage of Scottish sport including live commentary, breaking news, interviews, analysis and discussion. Text 80295. @BBCSportsound on social media

3.00pm Off the Ball

Football forum that claims to be the most petty and ill-informed football show on radio. Text 80295. Email: offtheball@bbc.co.uk

5.00 Your Requests with Gary Innes

Gary shares listeners' messages and dedications and plays Scottish music requests.

7.00 Classical Now

Celebrating Scotland's classical world, Jamie MacDougall highlights the work of the BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra in concert and other Scottish artists and ensembles.

9.00 Iain Anderson

Iain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

11.00 Seven Days

News, sport and entertainment stories explained and analysed.

12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Monday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER
hourly 6.00am to 8.00, 10.00 to 5.00pm, 7.00, 8.00, 10.00, 11.00
LOCAL NEWS *Dumfries, Aberdeen, Inverness, Selkirk*: 6.30am, 7.30, 8.30, 12.30pm, 4.30, 5.30;
Orkney: 7.30am, 12 noon, 6.00pm;
Shetland: 12.30pm, 5.30, 6.00

6.00am Good Morning Scotland

The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at **7.45** and **8.45**, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at **7.08, 7.35, 8.08** and **8.35**.

9.00 Mornings

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12.00 Lunchtime Live

News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm The Afternoon Show

Janice Forsyth presents a round-up of what's happening in the Scottish arts, entertainment and music scenes.

4.00 Drivetime

Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Get It On...

with Bryan Burnett
Bryan Burnett presents a selection of essential music chosen by listeners. To get a request played on the radio, text 80295. Email: geiton@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Vic Galloway

Vic introduces new releases from Scotland's best alternative artists, along with classic tracks, gig reviews, votes, vinyl, MP3s and just about everything else. Text 80295. Repeated Wednesday 10pm (FM only) Email: vicgalloway@bbc.co.uk

10.00 Iain Anderson

Iain invites listeners to end the day in the company of the songwriting masters of country, folk, blues and soul.

12 midnight–6.00am as Radio 5 Live

Frequencies

FM only
8.00 Travelling Folk
Anna Massie with a selection of folk and roots music from around the world.

FM only until 10.30
10.00 Natasha Raskin Sharp
Natasha presents an eclectic mix of music, as well as paying tribute to a "Late Great" and spinning the globe for the Out of This World feature.

12 midnight–6.00am
as **Radio 5 Live**

Friday

NEWS: SPORT: WEATHER:
LOCAL NEWS as Monday

6.00am Good Morning Scotland
The latest news from home and abroad. With travel reports every 15 minutes, business updates at **7.45** and **8.45**, weather reports at **7.29** and **7.59**, and sports reports at **7.08**, **7.35**, **8.08** and **8.35**.

9.00 Mornings
Stephen Jardine gets to the heart of the news and offers listeners the opportunity to have their say.

12.00 Lunchtime Live
News updates from Scotland and beyond, plus lunchtime sport, travel and weather.

1.30pm Breaking the News
Des Clarke hosts the award-winning comedy news quiz that takes a satirical view of the week's headlines. Repeated tomorrow

2.00 The Afternoon Show
Nicola Meighan presents ideas for fun things to do around Scotland in the days ahead, and offers a soundtrack to kickstart the weekend.

4.00 Drivetime
Breaking down the day's talking points with comment and opinion, plus sport, travel and weather.

6.00 Grant Stott's Vinyl Collective
Grant celebrates the vinyl revival with classic records and new releases, playing album tracks from his own collection and hearing the stories about listeners' cherished LPs.

8.00 BBC Introducing in Scotland
Phoebe I-H and Shereen Cutkelvin present unsigned, undiscovered and under-the-radar music from Scotland.

10.00 Ashley Storrie
The comedian brings her unique sense of fun to the show, inviting listeners to start the weekend with a hand-picked playlist and lively chat, with the help of sidekick "Silent Paul".

1.00am–6.30am
as **Radio 5 Live**
BBC Radio Scotland
40 Pacific Quay
Glasgow G51 1DA
bbc.co.uk/radioscotland

Local programmes

ORKNEY

Weekdays

6.00pm–7.00 Mon: Gansies for Goalposts: the local sporting calendar; **Tue:** Back to the Country: country roots from the decades, presented by Ruby Rendall; **Wed:** Musical Milestones: a musical journey with this month's guest; **Thu:** Farstraders: Jocelyn Rendall brings Orkney's history to life; **Fri:** Friday Requests
PHONE: 01856 873939
EMAIL: radio.orkney@bbc.co.uk

SHETLAND

Weekdays

5.30pm Good Evening Shetland 6.00–7.00 Mon: Wir Kinda Country: country and western music; **Tue:** Shades of Blue: blues music programme with Jimmy Carlyle; **Wed:** Retro Radio: a drive through the decades; **Thu:** The Books Programme: Mary Blance presents a monthly look at the latest local publications; **Fri:** Give Us a Tune: request show
PHONE: 01959 694747
EMAIL: radio.shetland@bbc.co.uk

Radio nan Gaidheal

Mar Radio Alba a'ch:

Disathairne

9.00am Spòrs na Seachdain
Spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus bho air feadh an t-saoghail còmhla ri lain Moireasdan.
POST DEALAIN: sns@bbc.co.uk
FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

10.00 Fàilte' air an Dùthaich
Taghadh de chèil dùthchail sean is ùr.

11.00 Tiompan
Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIlleinn.

12.00–1.00pm Sàr Chlàr
Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoiighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh.

Didòmhnaich

9.00am Dèanamaid Adhradh
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig.
ath-chraoladh aig 3pm

9.30 Alleluia
Laoidhean, leughaidhean agus smuaintean. (ath-chraoladh)

10.00 Chuala Mi
A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air leth às an tasglann. (ath-chraoladh)

10.30 Crùnluth
Taghadh de chèil na pioba.
ath-chraoladh Diardaoin aig 3.30pm

12.00 Naoi gu Dseich
Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.

1.00pm SpeakGaelic
A bheil thu ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig? Ma tha, tha am podcast seo dhut. Tha sreath B1 den phod-chraoladh SpeakGaelic ag amas air daoine a tha air adhartas a dhèanamh sa chànan agus air a thoirt thugainn leis a' chraolaidh agus sgrìobhadair lain Urchadan.

1.30 An Litir Bheag
Litir Bheag na seachdain sa le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.
Litir àireamh 969.

1.35 SpeakGaelic Podcast do luchd-ionnsachaidh na Gàidhlig ceangailte ris an t-sreath *SpeakGaelic* air BBC Alba. (ath-chraoladh)

1.55 Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh
Litir do Luchd-ionnsachaidh le Ruairidh MacIlleathain.
Litir àireamh 1273.

2.00 Gleus
Fuinn, còisirean agus òrain bho shaoghail ceòl clasaigeach agus eile, le lain Moireach.

3.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh
Seirbheis Ghàidhlig.

3.30–4.00 Rogha is Tagha
Taghadh à prògraman na seachdain air a thoirt thugaibh le Anna Nic na Ceardaich.
ath-chraoladh aig 9.30pm

9.00 Dèanamaid Adhradh
Seirbheis adhradh à tasglann a' BhBC.

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Diluain

7.30am Aithris na Maidne
Naidheachdan ionadail, nàiseanta is eadar-nàiseanta gach madainn.

9.00 Naoi gu Deich
Còmhradh, deasbad, cultur agus cur-seachadan.
ath-chraoladh aig 10.25pm

10.00 A' Mire ri Mòir
Tha i beachdail, tha i beòthail agus tha i feitheamh ri bheil le taghadh ciùil.

12.00 Feasgar an-diugh
Naidheachdan, còmhradh, spòrs, ceòl agus fealla-dhà.
ath-chraoladh aig 9pm

1.30pm Caitheamh Ciùil
Ceòl Gàidhealach's Ceilteach agus fiosrachadh air na tha dol agaibhse gach feasgar.
POST DEALAIN: dethadol@bbc.co.uk

3.30 Chuala Mi
A' comharrachadh 100 bliadhna de chraoladh Gàidhlig le taghaidhean air leth às an tasglann.
ath-chraoladh Diciadain aig 8pm

4.00 Fàilte' air an Dùthaich
Taghadh de chèil dùthchail sean is ùr.

5.00 Aithris an Fheasgair
Naidheachdan nàiseanta is ionadail o Dhiluain gu Dihaoine.

5.30 Siubhal gu Seachd le Pluto
Ceòl, fealla-dhà agus sùil air spòrs ionadail, nàiseanta agus eadar-nàiseanta.
POST DEALAIN: pluto@bbc.co.uk
FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

7.00 Cruinn
Ceòl, amaidheas's na beachdan agaibh air cuspairean a' là airson ur cuir an na sunnd airson na seachdain.

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ri measgachadh de dhaoine's iad ag innis mun phàirt a tha spòrs a cluich nam beatha.

4.00 Sàr Chlàr
Patsi NicChoinnich a' toirt cuireadh do a cuid aoiighean an clàr as fheàrr leotha a thaghadh. (ath-chraoladh)
ath-chraoladh a' maireach aig 7pm

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7.00 Rapal
Orain ùra gu leòr.
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FON AN ASGAIDH: 08000 967050

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A bheil thu ag ionnsachadh Gàidhlig? Ma tha, tha am podcast seo dhut. Tha sreath B1 den phod-chraoladh SpeakGaelic ag amas air daoine a tha air adhartas a dhèanamh sa chànan agus air a thoirt thugainn leis a' chraolaidh agus sgrìobhadair lain Urchadan.

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3.30 Crùnluth
Taghadh de chèil na pioba.

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6.00 Na Dùrachdan
Ceòl, òrain is fealla-dhà còmhla ri Mairead NicIlleinn agus Gillesbuig MacFhearghais.

9.00 Mac'ille Mhicheil
Cuiridh lain Mac'ille Mhicheil isachuid aoiighean a deireadh seachdain air a chasan.

11.00 Tiompan
Ceòl Ceilteach, clàran ùra agus fios mu cò tha cluich càite le Mairead NicIlleinn.

12.00–12.55am
Naoi gu Deich

National

BBC Radio 1* FM 97.7–99.7
BBC Radio 2* FM 88.1–90.1
BBC Radio 3* FM 90.3–92.3
BBC Radio 4* FM 94.6–96.1, 103.5–104.9, LW 198, MW 1449 (Aberdeen, LW progs)
BBC Radio 5 Live MW 693, 909
BBC Radio Scotland FM 92.5–94.7
BBC Radio Scotland Extra MW 810
BBC Radio nan Gaidheal FM 103.5–104.9 (carries R4 in some parts)
Classic FM 99.9–101.9
Talksport MW 1053, 1089
*Above stations also on Freeview (*not Sat 4pm–1am, Sun 4pm–12 midnight, weekdays 5pm–12 midnight), plus satellite, cable, internet and DAB (Radio Scotland Extra service only).*

Local

Argyll FM 106.5, 107.1, 107.7 (Campbeltown)
BBC Cumbria FM 95.6 (Carlisle), 96.1 (Morecambe Bay), 95.2 (Kendal), 104.1 (Whitehaven/Keswick), 104.2 (Windermere), MW 756 (Carlisle), 837 (Barrow-in-Furness)
Capital 106.1 (Glasgow), 105.7 (Edinburgh)
Central FM 103.1 (Stirling/Falkirk/Clackmannanshire)
Clyde 1 FM 102.3 (Rothsay), 102.5 (Glasgow), 103.3 (Firth of Clyde), 97 (Vale of Leven)
Forth 1 FM 97.3, 97.6 (Edinburgh), 102.2 (Penicuik)
Greatest Hits Radio FM 96.4 (Carlisle), 96.8 (Selkirk), 97 (Dumfries), 102.2 (Workington), 102.3 (Berwick), 102.5 (Penrith), 103.1 (Peebles), 103.4 (Eyemouth/Whitehaven), MW 1035 (Ayrshire), 1107 (North of Scotland), 1152 (Glasgow & the West), 1161 (Dundee/Perth), 1548 (Edinburgh, the Lothians, Fife & Falkirk), DAB (North East Scotland)
Heart FM 100 (Vale of Leven), 101.1 (Edinburgh/Rosneath), 100.3 (Glasgow), 103.3 (Penicuik)
Heartland FM 97.5 (Pitlochry/ Abergfeldy)
Isles FM 103 (Western Isles)
Kingdom FM 105.4 (St Andrews), 106.3 (The East Neuk), 95.2 (West Fife), 96.1 (Central & East Fife), 96.6 (Kirkcaldy)
Lochbroom FM 102.2 (Ullapool), 96.8 (North West Scotland)
Mearns FM 105.1 (Portlathen), 105.7 (Stonehaven), 106.2 (Inverbervie), 107.3 (Laurencekirk)
MFR FM 96.6 (Speyside), 96.7 (Fraserburgh/Wick), 97.4 (Highlands/Moray/ Aberdeenshire), 102.5 (Caitness), 102.8 (Keith)
Nation FM 96.3 (Glasgow), 106.9 (Helensburgh), 103 (Dumbarton)
Nevis FM 96.6 (Fort William), 97 (Glencoe), 102.4 (Loch Leven), 102.3 (Skye & Mallaig)
Northsound 1 FM 96.9 (Aberdeen), 102.3 (Balgownie), 103 (Peterhead)
Oban FM 103.3
Original FM 106 (Aberdeen)
SIBC FM 96.2 (Bressay), 102.2 (Shetland)
Skye 106.2, 102.7 (Skye/Lochalsn)
Smooth Radio FM 105.2 (Glasgow)
Tay FM MW 102.8 (Dundee), 96.4 (Perth)
Two Lochs FM 106.6 (Loch Ewe), 106 (Gairloch)
Wave FM 102 (Dundee)
Waves Radio FM 101.2 (Peterhead/Fraserburgh)
West FM 96.7 (Ayrshire), 97.5 (Girvan), 106.7 (Rothsay)
West Sound FM 97 (Dumfries), 103 (Kirkcubright), 96.5 (Stranraer)

Face behind the voice

Robbie Vincent Jazz FM



Age 77
Current job
Presenter since 2021 of Jazz FM's *Robbie Vincent's Music Garden* (Sundays 1pm-3pm)

– “the culmination of 50 years of championing soul and funk and jazz”. Classic acts like Marvin Gaye and the Average White Band feature, but “2023 is one of the most exciting years I can remember for new acts, like the sax player Jasmine Myra”.
CV Born in Lowestoft and brought up in Kent, he left school at 15 to be a messenger at the *Sunday People* newspaper. He got himself trained in newspaper basics and within a few years was working as a reporter on the *London Evening Standard*. In 1969, at the age of only 23, he was one of the first reporters from the UK mainland to be sent to Northern Ireland to cover the eruption of the Troubles. An assignment to report on pirate radio led to an opportunity at the fledgling BBC Radio London. In 1976 he moved from news reporting to presenting his own music show,

specialising in soul imports that listeners had little access to elsewhere. Then in 1984 he began presenting a weekend show on Radio 1 – the era of Simon Bates, Mike Read and Mike Smith. The show ended in 1989, but Vincent remained active on LBC, Kiss FM and now Jazz FM. He has also DJ'd, in 1978 helping institute an “all-dayner” at a club in Purley, Surrey, that was seen as the south of England's answer to northern soul.
Best moments “Musically, the time I chatted to Marvin Gaye. Journalistically – and I'm still a news man – when I knew Christine Keeler and accompanied her to court during the Profumo scandal.”
Worst moment “Interviewing the funk legend James Brown at his hotel in Park Lane. He talked at a million miles an hour, and it was hard to get the best out of him because he was more interested in being fixed up with women. Then when I got back to the office, the interview hadn't recorded properly. Somehow the tech people rescued it but I'll never forget what a terrible experience it was.”

Off air “I live in south London with my wife, Janet. I love travelling. The Maharajah Express train in India was amazing. I also loved Orkney.”
First radio memory “Radio Luxembourg, which we used to call Radio Fadenbourg, because the medium-wave signal was so dodgy that the music would fade in and out. Growing up, I'd also listen to American Forces Radio, which was where I first heard Sam Cooke.”
Favourite broadcasters “My one-time colleague Roger Scott. He was on Capital and then went to Radio 1. He was one of the few DJs who knew and understood the music they were playing.”
Ambition/Dream job “I've been very lucky, I've been doing my dream job all my career. You have to work hard and make sacrifices – like working Saturday nights as an 18-year-old – but c'est la vie.”
Secret skills “I used to be involved in greyhound racing. I owned greyhounds. So if you entrusted one to me, I'd know how to look after it.” **SIMON O'HAGAN**
planetradio.co.uk/robbie-vincent

Saturday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:
hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

6.45am Farm Gate

Food, countryside and agricultural issues, focusing on business news, industry reports and the latest technology. Presented by Elaine Mitchell.

7.05 Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests.
Text: 81771
Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

8.05 Your Place and Mine

The people, places and stories that make Northern Ireland unique, presented by Anne Marie McAleese.
Phone: 0289 033 8307
Email: ypam@bbc.co.uk

9.05 Gardeners' Corner

The weekly programme for keen horticulturists with the latest advice, news and visits to gardens large and small around the province. Presented by David Maxwell.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55

10.05 On Your Behalf

Linda McAuley champions the cause of consumers in Northern Ireland, helping them to solve their problems, make the right choices and avoid the pitfalls. Write to: On Your Behalf, BBC Broadcasting House, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Phone: 0289 033 8314
bbc.co.uk/oyb

11.05 Saturday with John Toal

Family and community life, plus recipes, craic and music. Including news at 12.00.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: swjt@bbc.co.uk

1.05pm Assume Nothing: the

Handler: Six Months in Hell

Ep 3. Dramatised memoir of a Special Branch officer operating at the outset of the Northern Ireland Troubles. When a wounded man is brought into police custody, James sees a chance to gain a new source – but first he must take his life in his hands to win the man's trust. Meanwhile, another source overhears plans for an imminent attack on the Army – and a clandestine meeting between James and Garda Special Branch could have deadly consequences. Starring Jonathan Hadden, Caolan Byrne and Paul Mallon. Repeated Thursday 9.05pm

1.30 The Blame Game

7/9. Comedians Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere are joined by a comedy guest as they put their comedic spin on the week's news and field questions as offered by a studio audience. Repeated Thursday 9.30pm

2.05 Sportsound

Commentary on Bath v Ulster, the European Rugby Championship Cup Pool Two match at Kingsholm (kick-off 3.15). Plus updates from the Irish Premiership.

6.05 The House Party with Phil Taggart

Phil kicks off Saturday night with dance music to get the party started, from soul to house and funk to techno. Including news at 7.00.

8.05 Folk Club with Lynette Fay

Traditional and contemporary folk music and song with studio guests, concert performances, new releases and vintage vinyl. Including news at 9.00.
Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Saturday Club with John Bennett

Late-night music club featuring classic tracks from the 1960s, 70s and 80s. Including news at 11.00.
Text: 81771

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

Sunday

RADIO ULSTER NEWS:
hourly 7.00am to 11.00pm, then 11.55

7.05am Kerry McLean

Music, chat and requests to ease listeners into the morning. Including Thought for the Day at 7.55 and news at 8.00.
Text: 81771
Email: kerry.mclean@bbc.co.uk

8.30 Sunday Sequence

Audrey Carville and guests debate the week's religious and ethical news and explore the world of culture and ideas. Including news at 9.00.
Phone: 0289 033 8355
Email: sunday.sequence@bbc.co.uk

10.05 Morning Service

For the Second Sunday in Advent from St Columba's Church, Knock in Belfast. Led by Canon John Auchmuty.

10.45 Thought for the Week

Audrey Carville presents a selection of clips from last week's *Good Morning Ulster* Thought for the Day feature.

11.05 Sunday with Steven Rainey

In-depth current affairs, interviews, discussion and analysis – including an essential guide to the Sunday papers. With news at 12.00.

1.05pm Sunday with Brian D'Arcy

Brian delves into his wide experience of music to bring listeners some tracks just right for a Sunday afternoon, along with some reflections to make them think, laugh or cry. Write to: Sunday with Brian D'Arcy, BBC Radio Ulster, Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ

2.05 Countryside

Voices, views, stories, news and chat from Northern Ireland's rural community, hosted by Nicola Weir. Including essential livestock and weather reports.

3.05 The Culture Café

From the page to the stage, Marie-Louise Muir hosts the essential cultural conversation.

4.05 Europop: the Neil Hannon Show

Ep 3. Ignoring the UK and Ireland, the Divine Comedy's Neil Hannon travels across Europe to discover the influence of various countries' music and creativity upon the rest of the world.

5.05 Sounds Sacred

Richard Yarr introduces sacred music performed by local and internationally acclaimed performers. He also plays listeners' requests and provides news of music events across Northern Ireland.

6.05 Kintra

Helen Mark and the *Kintra* team present stories, news, music and banter from Ulster-Scots communities at home and abroad.
Email: kintra@bbc.co.uk

6.30 Back to the Irish

4/4. Lifelong music obsessives Steven Cockcroft and Jason Carty are joined by *Irish Blood, English Heart* author Sean Campbell, as they wrap up their exploration of international acts with Irish connections by taking a deep dive into the history and roots of the Gallagher brothers and Oasis.

7.05 Classical Connections with John Toal

The host presents an evening of popular classical music. Plus news, reviews and interviews with local and touring performers. With news at 8.00.

9.05 Jazz Club with Walter Love

Recordings by jazz musicians, including tracks that have been performed exclusively for BBC Radio Ulster.

10.05 Sunday Club with John Bennett

A late-night selection of music designed to soothe away the problems of the past week. Dedication to: The Sunday Club, BBC Radio Ulster, Broadcast House, Belfast BT2 8HQ
Email: jb@bbc.co.uk

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6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart, including travel updates and analysis of finance and business news, plus agri-business developments in *Farm Gate* and a Thought for the Day at 7.20.
Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at 10.00.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

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Text: 81771
Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley and the *Talkback* team present news and invite listeners' on-air reactions to the breaking stories of the day, from politics and health to consumer issues and education. Including news at 1.00.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Email: talkback@bbc.co.uk
bbc.co.uk/talkback

1.30 Hugo Duncan

The host introduces a selection of country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel reports at 2.00.
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3.05 The Lynette Fay Show

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Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic presented by Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway. Including news at 7.00.

7.30 Blas

Fearghal Mag Uiginn le súil siar ar aicean spóirt dheireadh na seachtaine. Fearghal Mag Uiginn looks back at the weekend's sporting action.

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A selection of classic rock, soul, blues, pop, gospel, reggae and funk both old and new, from home and abroad, featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at 9.00.

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7.30 Ocht gCeathrú

5/6. Faisneann Aodhán agus Niamh léargas ar thionscadal an línéadaigh, Halla Uladh, The Crown Bar agus Niamh's cathrach. Aodhán Ó Baoill and Niamh Ní Dhubhgháin tour Belfast, getting an insight into the linen quarter, Ulster Hall, the Crown Bar and the city's markets. Repeat

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12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley and the *Talkback* team present news and invite listeners' on-air reactions to the stories of the day. Including news at **1.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Email: talk.back@bbc.co.uk
bbc.co.uk/talkback

1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests by phone or text. Including news and travel at **2.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771

3.05 The Lynette Fay Show

The host sets out to brighten up the afternoon with music, features and interviews.
Text: 81771
Email: lynette.fay@bbc.co.uk

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic presented by Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway. Including news at **7.00**.

7.30 Blas

Caint agus comhrá faoi imeachtaí an tsaoil mhóir agus shaol an ghnáthlae. Máire Bhreathnach has all the latest news on local and international events and the issues of the day.

8.05 Ralph McLean: Country

From the sounds of Nashville to new bluegrass, Ralph takes another journey into the world of American roots music, offering a selection of classic tracks, live performance and timeless Americana along the way. Including news at **9.00**.

9.55 Wah Yan Jee Sing

Local information on health and social issues in Cantonese.

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music, including a mix of easy listening melodies both old and new, together with material by the Artist of the Week.
Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live**Thursday**

RADIO ULSTER NEWS: half-hourly 6.30am to 9.30, hourly 10.00 to 11.00pm, plus 4.30pm, 5.30, 11.55

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

With Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler, including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**.
Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Listeners can share their views by phone, text or email. Including news and travel at **10.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

10.30 The Connor Phillips Show

Music, mischief and fun features. With news at **11.00**.
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Text: 81771
Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

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6.05 Vinny and Cate

Teatime music and craic, with Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway. Including news at **7.00**.

7.05 The Mystery Mix Tape with Vinny and Cate

Vinny Hurrell and Cate Conway challenge listeners – and each other – to search through the music memory banks to correctly identify the year in question.

7.30 Blas

Dearcadh an duine óig ar ábhair a bhfuil spairt ag baint leo agus ábhair níos troime. A youthful view of lifestyle issues, travel, sport, beauty, fashion, cookery and more. Presented by Caoimhe Ní Chathail.

8.05 Blas Ceoil

Cuir tús spleodrach leis an deireadh seachtaine le rogha shiamsúil Lynette Fay de cheol traidisiúnta, fréamh agus dúchasach. Eisiúintí úra, sonraí gigeanna agus seisiúin bheo. Caoimhe "Cecil" Ní Chathail introduces new releases, gig guide details and live acoustic sessions to keep listeners in touch with traditional, roots and folk music.

9.05 Assume Nothing: the Handler: Six Months in Hell Ep 3.

Dramatised memoir of a Special Branch officer. James sees a chance to gain a new source – but first he must take his life in his hands to win the man's trust. With Jonathan Harden. Rptd from Saturday 1.05pm

9.30 The Blame Game

7/9. Comedians Tim McGarry, Colin Murphy, Diona Doherty and Neil Delamere are joined by a guest as they satirise and lampoon the people and events making the news. Repeated from Saturday 1.30pm

10.05 The Late Show with Eve Blair

Chilled-out music and material by the Artist of the Week.
Email: eve.blair@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live**Friday**

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6.30am Good Morning Ulster

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Email: good.morning.ulster@bbc.co.uk

9.00 The Nolan Show

Breaking news and hard-hitting topical debate with Stephen Nolan. Including news and travel at **10.00**.
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Text: 81771
Email: nolan@bbc.co.uk

10.30 The Connor Phillips Show

Music and mischief, with fun features such as Does My Head In and Taylor Sifts. Including news at **11.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771
Email: connor@bbc.co.uk

11.30 Mobile Disco

Connor Phillips introduces 30 minutes of festive anthems to help round off the working week.

12.05pm Talkback

William Crawley and the *Talkback* team present news and invite listeners' reactions to the stories of the day, from politics and health to consumer issues and education. Including news at **1.00**.
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bbc.co.uk/talkback

1.30 Hugo Duncan

Country music old and new, plus the opportunity for listeners to submit requests. With news and travel at **2.00**.
Phone: 03030 80 55 55
Text: 81771

3.05 The Ticket

Kathy Clugston previews upcoming cultural attractions, from blockbuster movies to comedy gigs.

4.00 Evening Extra

A look back at the day's events, with Richard Morgan, Tara Mills and Declan Harvey. Featuring news on the half-hour, plus regular sport, traffic and weather reports, and the latest agri-business.

5.30 Red Lines

Mark Carruthers details the inside story of what's going on in Northern Ireland politics, with the occasional foray among the big beasts of Westminster, Dáil Éireann, Holyrood, Brussels and Washington, DC. Last in series.

6.05 ATL Introducing

Gemma Bradley serves up new Irish musical talent, from indie-rock to hip-hop with live music and interviews.

7.05 The Stephen McCauley Show

Alternative music from punk to electronica from home and abroad, featuring live performance, interviews and more. Including news at **8.00** and **9.00**.

10.05 The Mickey Bradley Record Show

There are loads of great records out there and Mickey has bought, borrowed and bagged lots of them since his teenage years. Here, he invites listeners to another selection of vintage rock, pop, and new releases. With news at **11.00**.
Text: 81771
Email: michael.bradley@bbc.co.uk

12.00 as Radio 5 Live

BBC Northern Ireland Broadcasting House Ormeau Avenue, Belfast BT2 8HQ 02890 338 000 Phone-in 0845 955 5678

RADIO FOYLE

As Radio Ulster except:

Weekdays

RADIO FOYLE NEWS: hourly 9.00am to 3.00pm (not 1.00), plus 8.30am

6.30am Good Morning Ulster

News from home and abroad, presented by **Mon:** Sarah Brett and Joel Taggart; **Tue–Thu:** Sarah Brett and Chris Buckler; **Fri:** Chris Buckler and Joel Taggart. Including regular news, travel and sport updates and analysis of finance and business news and Thought for the Day at **7.20**.

8.30–9.00**North West Today**

An essential round-up of news, sport and weather across the north-west of Northern Ireland.

12.05pm The Mark Patterson Show

A look at issues affecting the daily lives of people in the north-west of Northern Ireland.

1.00 North West at One

Lunchtime round-up of the day's local, national and international news stories. Plus the latest sports headlines.

1.10–1.30 20 Minutes

Mark Patterson offers a snapshot of life in the north-west of Northern Ireland.

3.05–4.00 Sean Coyle

The host brightens up the day with music and chat, plus listeners from across the region are invited to phone in with their requests and dedications.

Mon: 8.05–10.00 Caschlár

An réimse ceoil ó phop go fréamh á chur le chéile agus á chur i láthair ag Brian Mullen. Brian Mullen presents a wide-ranging mix of music, including pop, blues and soul. Including news at **9.00**.

BBC Radio Foyle, 8 Northland Road Londonderry BT48 7GD Tel: 02871 266 522

National**BBC Radio 1**

FM 97.9–99.7

BBC Radio 2

FM 88.3–90.1

BBC Radio 3

FM 90.5–92.3

BBC Radio 4

93.2 (Ballycastle), 93.2 (Carnmoney Hill), 94 (Limavady), 94.9 (Londonderry), 95.6 (Brougher Mountain), 96 (Belfast), 103.5 (Larne), 103.9 (Rostrevor Forest/Kilkeel), 104.6 (Camlough), (R4FM cannot be heard in some parts of NIreland) LW 198 MW 720, 774 (Enniskillen carries LW programmes) **BBC Radio 5 Live** MW 693, 909 **BBC Radio Foyle** FM 93.1 **BBC Radio Ulster** FM 92.7–95.4

RTE Radio 1

FM 87.8–90.0, LW 252

RTE 2FM 90.4–92.2, 97

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92.6–94.4, 102.7

RTE Lyric FM 97.8–99.6,

92.2, 95.2, 96.7, 102.2

Classic FM 99.9–101.9 (not Freeview)

Talksport MW 1053, 1089

Absolute MW 1215

Today FM FM 105.5

All the above stations are also broadcast via Freeview, satellite, cable, digital radio and the internet.

Local**Cool FM 97.4**

Music, news and sport **Downtown FM** 102.3 (Ballymena), 96.6 (Omagh/Enniskillen), 97.1 (Larne), 96.4 (Limavady), 102.4 (Londonderry), 103.4 (Newcastle), 103.1 (south Newry), MW 1026 (Belfast) Music, news **Q FM** 96.7 (Belfast), 102.5 (Bangor), 102.5 (Carrickfergus), 102.9 (North West), 97.2 (North Coast), 97.6 (Ballycastle), 107.0 (Mid Antrim), 107.6 (Larne), 106.0 (Mid Ulster), 107.2 (Dungannon), 106.3 (Maghera), 101.2 (Tyrone/Fermanagh), 102.1 (Enniskillen), 100.5 (Newry & Mourne), 101.1 (Kilkeel), 101.1 (Newcastle)

Face behind the voice

Robbie Vincent Jazz FM



Age 77
Current job
Presenter since 2021 of Jazz FM's *Robbie Vincent's Music Garden* (Sundays 1pm-3pm)

– “the culmination of 50 years of championing soul and funk and jazz”. Classic acts like Marvin Gaye and the Average White Band feature, but “2023 is one of the most exciting years I can remember for new acts, like the sax player Jasmine Myra”.
CV Born in Lowestoft and brought up in Kent, he left school at 15 to be a messenger at the *Sunday People* newspaper. He got himself trained in newspaper basics and within a few years was working as a reporter on the London *Evening Standard*. In 1969, at the age of only 23, he was one of the first reporters from the UK mainland to be sent to Northern Ireland to cover the eruption of the Troubles. An assignment to report on pirate radio led to an opportunity at the fledgling BBC Radio London. In 1976 he moved from news reporting to presenting his own music show,

specialising in soul imports that listeners had little access to elsewhere. Then in 1984 he began presenting a weekend show on Radio 1 – the era of Simon Bates, Mike Read and Mike Smith. The show ended in 1989, but Vincent remained active on LBC, Kiss FM and now Jazz FM. He has also DJ'd, in 1978 helping institute an “all-day” at a club in Purley, Surrey, that was seen as the south of England's answer to northern soul.
Best moments “Musically, the time I chatted to Marvin Gaye. Journalistically – and I'm still a news man – when I knew Christine Keeler and accompanied her to court during the Profumo scandal.”
Worst moment “Interviewing the funk legend James Brown at his hotel in Park Lane. He talked at a million miles an hour, and it was hard to get the best out of him because he was more interested in being fixed up with women. Then when I got back to the office, the interview hadn't recorded properly. Somehow the tech people rescued it but I'll never forget what a terrible experience it was.”

Off air “I live in south London with my wife, Janet. I love travelling. The Maharajah Express train in India was amazing. I also loved Orkney.”

First radio memory “Radio Luxembourg, which we used to call Radio Fadenbourg, because the medium-wave signal was so dodgy that the music would fade in and out. Growing up, I'd also listen to American Forces Radio, which was where I first heard Sam Cooke.”

Favourite broadcasters “My one-time colleague Roger Scott. He was on Capital and then went to Radio 1. He was one of the few DJs who knew and understood the music they were playing.”

Ambition/Dream job “I've been very lucky, I've been doing my dream job all my career. You have to work hard and make sacrifices – like working Saturday nights as an 18-year-old – but c'est la vie.”
Secret skills “I used to be involved in greyhound racing. I owned greyhounds. So if you entrusted one to me, I'd know how to look after it.” **SIMON O'HAGAN**

planetradio.co.uk/robbie-vincent

6.30 Dementia: Hope for the Future
Dr Emma Yhnell delves into the world of dementia. In this episode, we hear about memory clinics, new genetic research and more reliable diagnosis methods. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

South West FM only 7.00–10.00
Radio Wales Sport
Stoke City v Swansea City, the Championship match at Bet365 Stadium (kick-off 7.45).

All except South West FM 7.00 Molly Palmer
Classic tracks and new music.

10.00 Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales
Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Wednesday
NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales
Music to start the day.

6.30 Dementia: Hope for the Future
Dr Emma Yhnell delves into the world of dementia. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Rob Phillips
Sitting in for Wynne Evans.

12.00 The Phone-in
With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Celebrity guests, Midweek Menu recipes, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive
Wyre Davies and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 Country Focus
Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated from Sunday 7am Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

South East FM only 7.00–10.00
Radio Wales Sport
Commentary on Cardiff City v Birmingham City in the Championship at Cardiff City Stadium (kick-off 7.45)

All except South East FM 7.00 Bronwen Lewis
New and classic country music from Wales and the world.

10.00 Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales
Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Thursday
NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales
Music to start the day.

6.30 Radio Wales Rewind
Highlights from Tom Jones's 1972 BBC Christmas Concert, which featured a special guest appearance by Dusty Springfield. Repeated from yesterday 6.30pm

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Wynne Evans
Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in
With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Celebrity guests, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive
Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
The latest news, travel and weather, presented by Dot Davies and James Williams.

9.00 Wynne Evans
Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in
With Oliver Hides.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Celebrity guests, expert advice and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive
Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 Double Top
Comedy following the ups and downs of a darts team. As the new darts season is about to begin, the pressure is on to find a new player. Repeated from last Thursday

7.00 Aileighia Scott
Music and culture.

10.00 Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales
Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Friday
NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 7.00pm, plus 8.45pm, 10.00
WEATHER: after most news bulletins

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales
Music to start the day.

6.30 All Things Considered
Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated from Sunday 9am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
All the latest news, travel and weather reports, presented by Oliver Hides.

9.00 Wynne Evans
Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in
With Oliver Hides.

2.00pm Eleri Siôn
Celebrity guests, film reviews, Foodie Friday recipes and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive
Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 Radio Wales Arts Show
The current arts scene in Wales.

7.00 Radio Wales Sport
Scarlets v Black Lion, the European Rugby Challenge Cup Pool Three match at Parc y Scarlets (kick-off 8.00).

10.00 Friday Night H
Music and chat.

12.00 The Party Playlist with H
The Steps singer presents his ultimate party playlist.

1.00am–5.00 as Radio 5 Live
BBC Wales, 3 Central Square, Cardiff CF10 1FT
03703 500 700
(weekdays 9.30am to 5.30pm)
(landline calls charged at a maximum of 8p per minute)
SMS: 81012
bbc.co.uk/radiowales

Saturday

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 2.00pm, plus 5.00pm
WEATHER: after most news bulletins

5.00am Vicki Blight
Start the weekend with music and chat.

7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
The latest news, travel and weather, with Oliver Hides.

9.00 Money for Nothing
Dedications and song requests from the 1950s to the 1980s. Phone: 03700 100 110

11.30 Saturdays on BBC Radio Wales
Music and guests.

2.00pm Radio Wales Sport
Live commentary of the big Welsh games of the day, followed at 5.00 by a round-up of the day's sporting action with results and analysis.

5.30 Call Rob Phillips
Have your say on the day's sporting action.

7.00 Bethan Elfyn
Featuring the Wales Mix and a guest DJ Takeover.

10.00 BBC Introducing with Adam Walton
New Welsh music, exclusive sessions, interviews and demos.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Sunday

NEWS: hourly 7.00am to 6.00pm
WEATHER: after most news bulletins

6.00am The Aberystwyth Book Club
A group of book club members review their latest read. Repeated from last Friday Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

6.30 The Power of Wales
Tracy Cardwell tours the country to find projects blazing a trail for green power. Repeated from last Tuesday

7.00 Country Focus
Rural affairs programme for those working in and living in the Welsh countryside. Repeated Wednesday 6.30pm and Thursday 6.30am

7.30 Celebration
A service for the Second Sunday of Advent, led by the Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, a Methodist minister in Cardiff. Repeated 7.30pm

8.00 Sunday Supplement
Political news, discussions and analysis, plus a round up of the papers with guest reviewers.

9.00 All Things Considered
Religious affairs programme, tackling the issues of the day in a thought-provoking manner. Repeated Friday 6.30am Email: religion.wales@bbc.co.uk

9.30 Bronwen Lewis
With music and guests.

11.00 Owen Money's Solid Gold Sunday
Hits from the 1960s and 70s.

1.00pm Kiri Pritchard-McLean
Music and chat.

3.00 Lynn Bowles
Music, chat and guests.

5.00 Roy Noble
Classic songs and conversation. Email: roy.noble@bbc.co.uk

7.00 The Funny Thing about Grief
Richard Price discusses various ways to cope with being bereaved at a young age. Repeated from last Monday

7.30 Celebration
A service for the Second Sunday of Advent, led by the Rev Dr Stephen Wigley, a Methodist minister in Cardiff. Repeated from 7.30am

8.00 Celtic Heartbeat
Frank Hennessy presents folk, roots and acoustic music from the Celtic countries and beyond.

10.00 Beverley's World of Music
Broadcaster Beverley Humphreys introduces songs from stage and screen.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Monday

NEWS: hourly 6.00am to 10.00pm
WEATHER: after most news bulletins

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales
Music to start the day.

6.30 The Aberystwyth Book Club
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7.00 Radio Wales Breakfast
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9.00 Wynne Evans
Featuring Soundtrack Stories and Mystery Voice.

12.00 The Phone-in
With Jason Mohammad.

2.00pm Behnaz Akhgar
Celebrity guests, TV Turn Ons, and music quiz Backtracks.

5.00 Radio Wales Drive
Claire Summers and the team with everything you need to know as you head home.

6.30 Radio Wales Rewind
Highlights from Tom Jones's 1972 BBC Christmas Concert, with a special appearance by Dusty Springfield. Repeated tomorrow 6.30am

7.00 Huw Stephens
Featuring the Artist of the Week and new music from Wales and beyond.

10.00 Eleri Siôn
Music and chat.

12.00 Relax with Radio Wales
Classic and contemporary tunes.

1.00am–6.00 as Radio 5 Live

Tuesday

NEWS AND WEATHER: as Monday

6.05am Wake Up with Radio Wales
Music to start the day.

6.30 Radio Wales Rewind
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5.00 Radio Wales Drive
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Frequencies

Sadwrn

5.30am Richard Rees
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar gyfer bore Sadwrn.

7.00 Galwad Cynnar
Gerald Pennant a'i westeion yn trafod natur, bywyd gwyllt a chadwraeth. EBOSt: galwadcynnar@bbc.co.uk

8.00 Dros Frecwast
Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Dylan Jones.

8.30 Ar y Marc
Dylan Jones a'r criw yn trafod pob math o bethau'n ymwneud â phêl-droed. EBOSt: arymarc@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Tudur Owen
Lot o fwydro, 'chydio o sylwedd, dim swmp.

10.30 Y Gerddorfa
Tudur Owen yn cyflwyno cyngerdd arbennig yng Nghanol Pontio, Bangor yn dathlu cerddoriaeth Elin Fflur, yng nghwmni Cerddorfa Genedlaethol Gymreig y BBC.

12.00 Y Sioe Sadwrn
Cerddoriaeth ac adloniant gyda Shelley Rees a Rhydian Bowen Phillips.

2.00pm Chwaraeon Radio Cymru
Sylwebaethau byw, yn ogystal â chanlyniadau a'r newyddion chwaraeon diweddaraf.

5.30 Marc Griffiths
Cymysgedd o'r hen a'r newydd iddiddanu ar nos Sadwrn, gan gynnwys llwyth o geisiadau. EBOSt: marc.griffiths@bbc.co.uk

9.00 Ffion Emyr
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ar nos Sadwrn.

12.00 gweler World Service

Sul

5.30am Linda Griffiths
Detholiad cerddorol gyda Linda Griffiths.

7.00 Troi'r Tir
Y straeon diweddaraf o'fyd amaeth a bywyd cefn gwlad.

7.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr
Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni'r Parchedig Nan Powell Davies – Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol Eglwys Bresbyteriaid Cymru. Ail-ddarlledir 4.30pm

8.00 Bore Sul
Trin a thraford papurau'r Sul, cerddoriaeth a sgysrsiau hamddenol, gyda Iwan Griffiths yn cyflwyno.

10.00 Swyn y Sul
Y cerddor a'r cyfansoddwr Sioned Webb yn dewis cerddoriaeth ar gyfer bore Sul.

12.00 Yr Oedfa
Oedfa dan ofal Heulwen Evans, Castell Newydd Emlyn.

12.30pm Bwrw Golwg
John Roberts a'i westeion yn trafod materion moesol a chrefyddol. EBOSt: bwrwgolwg@bbc.co.uk

1.00 Cofio
Archif, atgof a chan yng nghwmni John Hardy. Ail-ddarlledir Llun am 6pm

2.00 Ffion Dafis
Ffion Dafis a'i gwesteion yn trafod y byd celfyddydol yn ei holl amrywiaeth, a hynny yng Nghymru a thu hwnt.

4.00 Coleg y Bobl a Bobl y Coleg
Betsan Powys yn ymweld â'i hen goleg a chlywed tipyn o'i hanes drwy wrthrychau a sgysrsiau. Ail-ddarlledir

4.30 Caniadaeth y Cysegr
Amrywiaeth o emynau yng nghwmni'r Parchedig Nan Powell Davies – Ysgrifennydd Cyffredinol Eglwys Bresbyteriaid Cymru. Darlledwyd 7.30am

5.00 Dei Tomos
Sgysrsiau am Gymru, ei phobl a'i diwylliant. Ail-ddarlledir Mawrth am 6pm EBOSt: deitomos@bbc.co.uk

6.00 Beti a'i Phobol
Beti George yn sgwrsio gydag un o bobl Cymru. Ail-ddarlledir on lau am 6pm

7.00 Ambell i Gân
Gwenan Gibbard sy'n cyflwyno cyfoeth ac amrywiaeth cerddoriaeth werin Cymru. Ail-ddarlledir Mercher am 6pm

8.00 Ar Eich Cais
Rhys Meirion yn darllen cyfarchion ac yn chwarae geisiadau. EBOSt: areichcais@bbc.co.uk

9.00 John ac Alun
Cerddoriaeth a sgwrsio i gloir penwythnos.

12.00 gweler World Service

Llun

5.30am John Hardy
Cerddoriaeth a chwmnïaeth ben bore, gyda bwletinau newyddion, chwaraeon, tywydd a thraffig. Hefyd, y bwletin amaeth dyddiol, yn ogystal â golwg ar y papurau.

7.00 Dros Frecwast
Y newyddion diweddaraf yng Nghymru a thu hwnt, gyda Kate Crockett a Dylan Ebenezer.

9.00 Aled Hughes
Straeon cyfredol, cerddoriaeth, a holi'r cwestiynau sydd ar feddwl pawb.

11.00 Bore Cothi
Croeso cynnes dros baned gyda Shân Cothi.

1.00pm Dros Gino
Trin a thraford Cymru a'r byd gyda Rhodri Llywelyn yn cyflwyno. EBOSt: drosinio@bbc.co.uk Ffôn: 03703 500 500

2.00 Ifan Jones Evans
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7.00 Mirain Iwerydd
Cerddoriaeth newydd Cymru.

9.00 Caryl
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7.00 Huw Stephens
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9.00 Caryl
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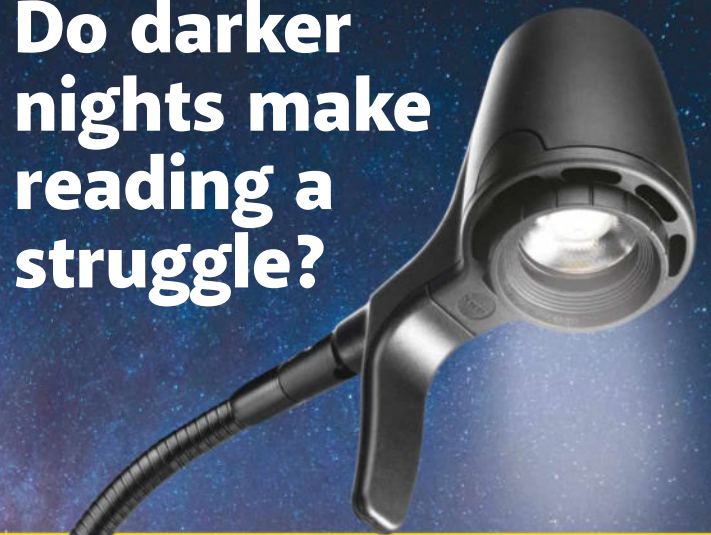
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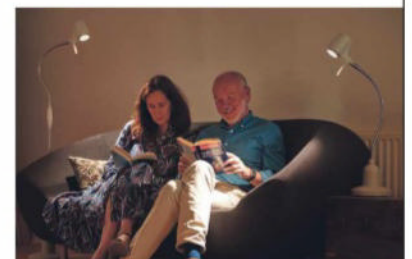
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Book at Bedtime: The Happy Couple

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IS THAT GMT?" Naoise Dolan wants to know. We're trying to sort a time for the interview and I'd missed the memo saying the 31-year-old Irish novelist had packed her bags and left the UK. (She had already decamped from Dublin and moved to London by the time her debut novel, *Exciting Times*, was published in April 2020.)

The story of an Irish woman who becomes involved in a love triangle while living and working in Hong Kong was longlisted for several major awards – including the Women's Prize for Fiction and the Dylan Thomas Prize – and optioned for American TV. Inevitably, Dolan soon found herself namechecked alongside Sally Rooney, her contemporary and compatriot and author of the bestseller, *Normal People*.

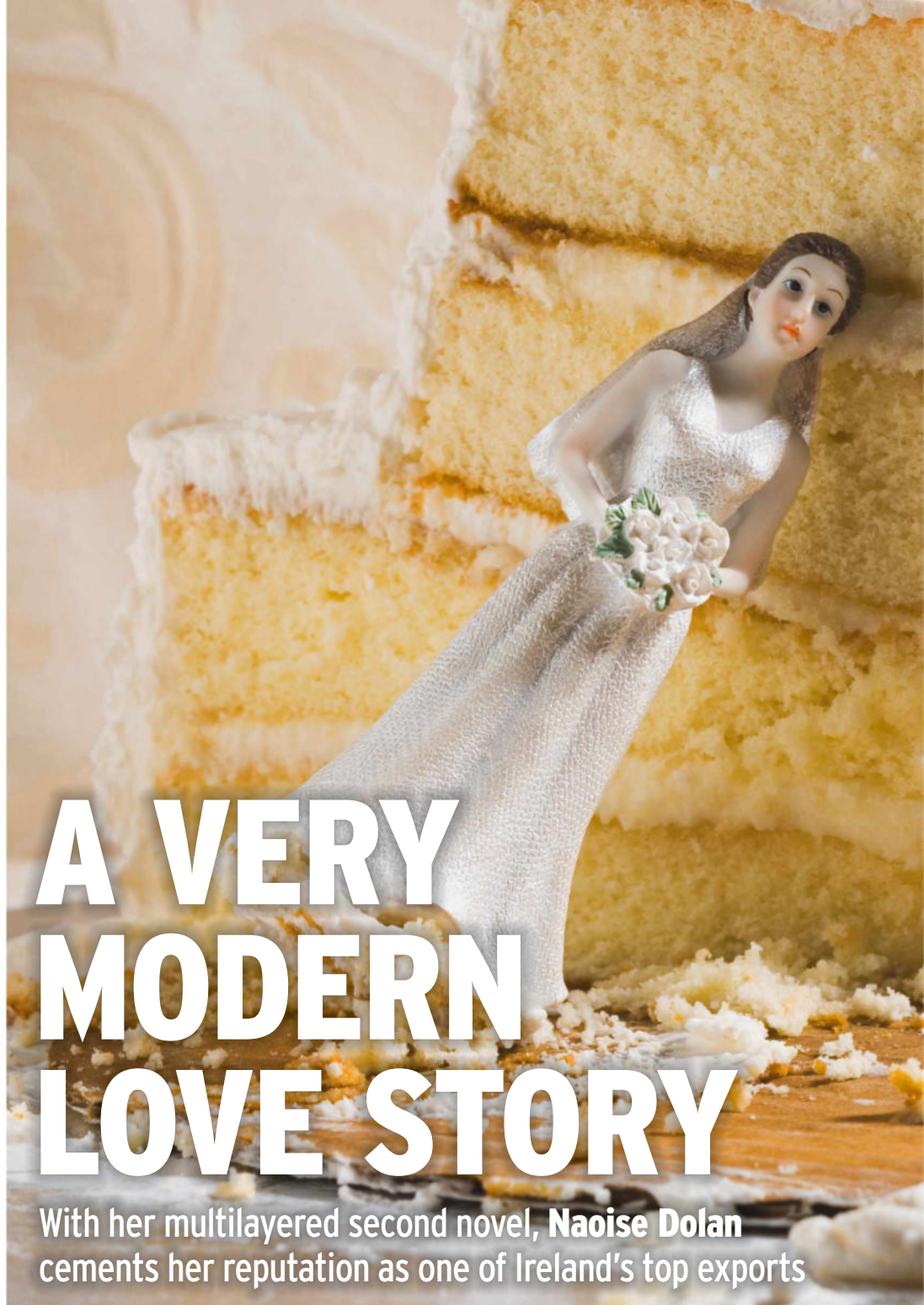
However, life in London during the pandemic, plus the demands associated with a hugely successful novel, began to overwhelm Dolan – who at that point had been recently diagnosed with autism – and she now lives in Berlin. "*Exciting Times* came out during the first lockdown so there wasn't any physical change to my life, except the big one that we were all going through," she explains. "Whereas in normal circumstances, maybe I would have been doing these big events in bookshops. But probably the biggest change was the need to actively preserve my writing as a private space."

"There was no need for that before, because nobody was interested."

But having this audience who are curious about what I'm doing... it's an honour, I don't want to be ungrateful at all. But at the same time, to make something new that stands up in its own right, there needs to be a certain separation."

In the summer of 2022 Dolan moved to Berlin after falling in love with the city while visiting a friend ("It's not really an intellectual thing, it's just how comfortable you feel when you arrive. The longer I'm here, the more I think it's the right place for me"). The relocation helped cultivate some breathing space – and the result is *The Happy Couple*.

This beguiling ensemble novel deals with the tangled web woven by the five main characters, each of whom is given their own section in the book but drawn together by the wedding of Luke and Celine, which they are all set to attend in different capacities. Love, betrayal and commitment are the recurring themes, and this group of millennials all have their own



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Naoise Dolan

particular take on proceedings as their complicated, interwoven personal histories play out.

"The biggest formal difference between this book and *Exciting Times* is the concentration on the interior of the characters," says Dolan. "I was

'Love, betrayal and commitment are the recurring themes'

interested in showing, through my use of language, how the different characters thought. So the pianist [Celine] thinks not only about music, but about the sound of footsteps, and the lawyer [best man, Archie] is given to slightly more grandiose turns of phrase, and so on.

"They come to me initially just as a series of

traits and hints, and then the more I write about them, the better I get to know them. It's almost like an actor, method-thinking their way into a part. It's very important because most of them hate each other, and to write convincingly as one of them you need to momentarily believe that this character is the one who's behaving correctly and the rest of them are scoundrels."

To do this she wrote each section in turn. "I convinced myself that this character was the real victim, or the one who really knew what was going on. And then the moment I snapped on to the next character, I was like, 'Oh, that one was completely wrong. Now, let's give the real story.' It made me realise how differently each of us can perceive the world."

The result is fast-paced but deep, and deals with familiar subject matter while remaining utterly intriguing. It pitches acute description



and observation ("He had sharp goblin teeth, eerily perfect skin and a habit of touching his upturned Ralph Lauren collar. Like the beams of a bridge, it sustained his entire self") with elegant and memorable turns of phrase ("Phoebe wanted Luke in the Somme. She meant that. She wanted World War I to happen again so they'd send Luke into the Somme").

The narrative is also stamped with Dolan's fabulous brand of hilarious, well-structured smart alecness throughout: "When Celine had mentioned last year that Luke was bisexual, Grellan had replied: 'Ah, there you go' – then, seeing Celine's bewilderment: 'The coffee.' Celine was still unsure if Grellan had meant bisexuals were apt to enjoy coffee, bisexuals were merely likelier to disclose such a preference should they have it, or coffee made one in fact bisexual. It certainly made one anxious."

'The novel is stamped with Dolan's hilarious smart alecness'

At the end of the writing process, she claims, "I feel closer to all of my characters" and doesn't discount the possibility that they could turn up in future short stories (Uncle Grellan certainly deserves his own spin-off), but dismisses the idea that she is creating a kind of Dolanverse.

"I don't know if anybody would want to live in it," she laughs as she kicks back in Berlin, embracing her increasing fluency in German, learning Italian to converse with some of her friends, and working on her next book. I wouldn't be so sure. **BILL BORROWS**



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NOT A NATURAL on skis, I swoosh precariously past Gemma Arterton, spray snow all over Noomi Rapace, then crash head-on into Isabelle Huppert. This isn't, lawyers please note, my Gwyneth Paltrow moment: unlike the retired optometrist from Utah who collided with the actor in 2016, I had the good sense to hit only my stars' avatars. You see, the ski resort of Les Arcs, high in the French Alps, is a kind of movieland-on-the-mountains, and its Slope of Fame is a permanent homage to some of the film and TV folk who've visited.

The Slope of Fame is dotted with person-sized signed plaques, but that's far from the main attraction for movie fans. Every December, Les Arcs hosts a week-long film festival that brings together the best of European cinema, with screenings, discussions, workshops, parties and industry events. Highlights at this year's shindig include some best foreign film Oscar nominees and *Poor Things*, starring Emma Stone, Mark Ruffalo and Willem Dafoe and directed by Yorgos Lanthimos, the man behind Olivia Colman's *The Favourite*.

On a continent that never really embraced

the concept of drive-in movies, it's great that there is somewhere you can experience "ski-in" cinema: some of the venues for the festival are so close to the pistes that you can literally carve right up to the red carpet, plant your skis or board in the snow and march right into the auditorium. (Or at least you could if you were a more competent skier than me.) Even more fun, I found, was the "ski-out": emerging from a darkened room into the blinkingly bright sparkle of sun on snow for a few more runs.

Les Arcs is a lovely-looking resort even when the sun is as reluctant to appear in public as an A-lister. For cloudy days, when visibility issues can make the mountaintops slightly hard to ski, there are the prettily wooded slopes of Peisey Vallandry. You'll find long, cruise-y blue and red runs here and all over Les Arcs, which makes it a great bet for beginners, intermediates and families. More ambitious skiers, meanwhile, can upgrade their lift passes to include the whole Paradiski area, including neighbouring La Plagne, which doubles the domaine to more than 400km of slopes.

And on really cloudy days, there's always the food. Here, just a few kilometres from the Italian

border, cheesy French mountain cuisine meets pasta and the result is worth the massive calorie intake. One restaurant in particular that's worth paying a visit is La Table des Lys in the village of Arc 1950.

IN FACT, EVEN the food can be a cinematic experience in Les Arcs. One day I have lunch 2,700 metres high in a Bond-villain-lair of a place, all glass walls, cold steel and sharp modern angles at the razor-edge top of a mountain – though, disappointingly, the café is called B.O.B rather than S.P.E.C.T.R.E (maisonfalcon.com/bob). The views are a widescreen epic, and I find my head panning slowly from one side to another, like a panorama tracking shot (is that Mont Blanc in the distance?).

Skiing back down after, it's almost impossible not to imagine black-clad baddies on my tail. Dammit, where's Roger Moore's Union Jack parachute when I need it, having fallen embarrassingly in front of a group of schoolchildren and tumbled down half a red run?

I am staying at Bear Lodge (vipchalets.com/hotels/bear-lodge), a gorgeous new wood-and-stone creation that features both hotel-style rooms and chalets catered by enthusiastic young Brits. It's situated perfectly: guests

APRÈS-SKI
Les Arcs has many culinary choices





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The Peisey Vallandry ski area near Les Arcs



ICE MAIDEN
Emma Stone's *Poor Things* is showing at the Les Arcs Film Festival



SPY COUNTRY
James Bond is no stranger to alpine pursuits...



MUST-SEE
You can't have an alpine film night without *Chalet Girl*...

can ski straight in and out on a lovely wide blue run, the perfect start to the day for stiff or rusty ski legs, and there are also multiple lifts within a few steps. There's complimentary guiding, a spa and a children's play area, but the best surprise was wandering back from the sauna and finding a cinema room with rows of sink-into sofas and a serious-sized screen.

Trying to look indifferent, I checked the programme to see if it was more of the brainy auteur-driven European cinema featuring at the film festival – but was secretly pretty gleeful when I saw what was actually showing: *Pulp Fiction*, *The Greatest Showman*, *Slumdog Millionaire*, *Shrek* and, of course, *Chalet Girl*. The perfect addition to a film festival in the snow.

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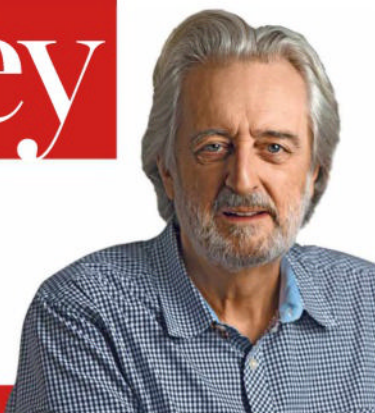
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PENSION TAX PLANNING

The tax you pay on your pension may soon increase. Plan ahead now, says **Paul Lewis**

ABOUT ONE IN eight pensioners' state pension exceeds the personal tax allowance – the amount of income everyone can receive without being taxed, currently £12,570 a year or £242 a week. New figures from the Department for Work and Pensions show that in May 2023 almost 1.7 million pensioners had a state pension bigger than that. In other words, the DWP gives them their pension in full, but HMRC takes some back in tax.

'Set money aside to meet the tax bill'

In most cases, that's done by adjusting their tax code on other income they have – such as earnings or other pensions. Their state pension is paid in full but they pay the tax on it through higher tax on their other income.

However, an estimated 330,000 have no other taxable income to take the state pension tax from. They will get a letter from HMRC in April or May 2024 enclosing what is called a Simple Assessment. That will explain how much tax is due on their state pension and how to pay it. If your state pension is more than £242 a week and the tax is not taken from other income

through your tax code you should set aside money from your pension now so you can meet that tax bill.

It could be quite high. The new figures show that 368,000 people have a state pension of £300 a week or more. At £300 the Chancellor would grab back the equivalent of two weeks' pension to pay the tax due. Others with bigger pensions – and the state pension can reach £400 or even £500 a week for some – could face having to pay tax equivalent to several weeks' pension. The people with the biggest pensions were higher earners or had deferred claiming their pension for a few years after pension age.

NEXT YEAR, 2024/25, significantly more pensioners will be dragged into the tax net, because the state pension is expected to rise ahead of inflation and the government plans to keep the personal tax allowance frozen. An estimated 2.5 million pensioners could pay tax on their state pension alone, and around half a million of them with no other income will get a tax bill in Spring of 2025.

For more information search gov.uk for 'simple assessment'.

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Crossword

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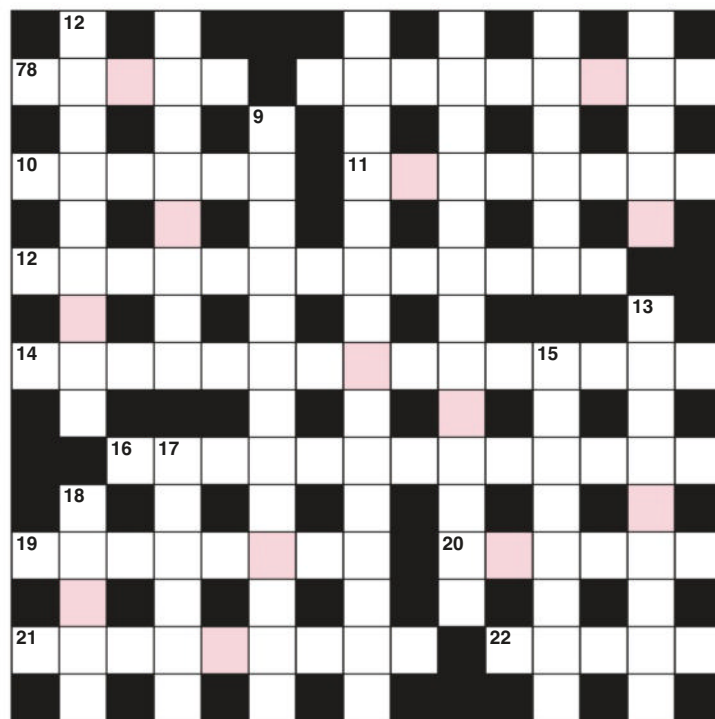
PRIZE CROSSWORD

ACROSS

- 7 Magi's enigmatic letter in Greek (5)
8 Deny fame, with help to get back inside (9)
10 Material girl not ending in company (6)
11 Unlimited element, true of trees (8)
12 Entertains pay revision for animal (5,8)
14 Vehicle reversed, saga again for TV midwives' narrator? (7,8)
16 Huge amount like arcade because of song (1,5,7)
19 Khan used buckled knife (5-3)
20 Some surgery without time for choice (6)
21 True? No, with mature followers (9)
22 Join vixen, naturally held back (5)

DOWN

- 1 In raised position, mobile program to go walkabout? (9)
2 Surroundings of vitamin during worrying menace (8)
3 Awful adulterer gone up to location between flights (9,6)
4 Our motto somehow blocks directors with wet engine? (8,5)
5 Stab Bond actor informally! (6)
6 Where maps are finally cut short (5)
9 Replaced dryads on altar with monarch's flag (5,8)
13 Still ready for straight bet (4,5)
15 Sailor keeping holy books on the turn? (8)
17 Spice up autumn, for example (6)
18 Family in street on the breadline (5)



Prize Crossword 50

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EASY CROSSWORD

ACROSS (answers page 141)

- 7 Top part of a shoe (5)
8 2007 Keira Knightley film (9)
10 Rupture of the abdominal wall (6)
11 Non-commissioned soldier (8)
12 Goggle-box (10,3)
14 Host of *Question of Sport* (5,10)
16 Common operative procedure on the throat (13)
19 Central American country north of Nicaragua (8)
20 Fond of talking (6)
21 Completely covered (9)
22 Unpleasantly pungent (smell) (5)

DOWN

- 1 Very short-lived (9)
2 1990s US sitcom in Manhattan (8)
3 Adhesive dressing for wounds (8,7)
4 Refusal to change your view (13)
5 Enforce (taxes) (6)
6 Person who tells tales (5)
9 Hallucinogenic fungus (5,8)
13 Having equal dimensions (9)
15 Small songbird with a short, stiffened tail (8)
17 Absolutely loads! (6)
18 Dracula's title (5)

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PRIZE CROSSWORD 45 SOLUTION

Prize Crossword 45 winner*

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Somerset

Wordfinder 45

The One Show

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Alison Emony,
Devon; Nikki Spence,
North Yorkshire



PUZZLE ANSWERS

POPMASTER
1 Got to Get You into My Life
2 Glen Campbell 3 Living in the
Material World 4 Baby Don't
Change Your Mind 5 The Hollies
6 Roadblock 7 Richard III 8 Skunk
Anansie 9 3AM 10 The Lathums
EGGHEADS 1b 2b 3b 4a 5c
6c 7a 8a 9b 10c

ENIGMA
Across Bald, Splash, Equity,
Morose, Protege, Night, Tar, Relax,
Van, Heard, Unaware, Frozen,
Casual, Wrecks, Welt
Down Despatch, Few, Boudoir,
Adore, Lithe, Redneck, Jealous,
Phoenix, Awake, Along, Viaduct,
Hue, Tenderly.
POINTLESS
Basie (59), Ellington (72), Morton
(18), Norvo (0), Armstrong (40).
So Red Norvo is the answer that
the fewest people gave.

ONLY CONNECT
Hats
Pork pie, Cowboy, Bucket, Bowler
baby
Bush, Bearie, Cry, Jelly
Desserts
Gelato, Trifle, Panna Cotta, Sorbet
Famous Kates
Winslet, Beckinsale,
Moss, Garraway
COUNTDOWN
How Rachel did it: 50x6=300,
300x5=305, 305x3=915,
915+8=923

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Pork pie	Winslet	Bucket	Jelly
Bush	Trifle	Cry	Garraway
Cowboy	Beckinsale	Panna cotta	Bowler
Gelato	Beanie	Moss	Sorbet

COUNTDOWN with Rachel Riley



Using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division, try to get as close to the target as possible in 30 seconds. You can use each of the six numbers only once, but you don't have to use them all. Rachel's solution is on the previous page.

923

50 5 3 6 6 8

SUPER SUDOKU 937

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		7		6			
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			6			1	
	6		5		8	7	
		2	4			8	
			1	5	7		
1				9			4

How to play Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3 x 3 box contains the digits 1 to 9. **Difficulty: 14/20**

SUDOKU NO 936 SOLUTION

1	3	8	2	6	7	4	9	5
4	9	2	8	1	5	7	6	3
5	6	7	9	4	3	2	8	1
6	4	9	5	7	1	8	3	2
8	5	1	3	2	6	9	7	4
2	7	3	4	8	9	1	5	6
3	8	6	1	9	2	5	4	7
7	2	4	6	5	8	3	1	9
9	1	5	7	3	4	6	2	8

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TRACKWORD

How many words of three letters or more can you find by tracking from one square to the next, going up, down, sideways or diagonally in order? You may not use the same letter square twice in any word. Adding an "s" to make the third-person singular of a verb is allowed; a plural is not. Proper nouns/foreign words not allowed. What is the nine-letter word?

BRAINBOX 40 words AVERAGE 26

TRACKWORD FOR LAST ISSUE Nine-letter word DILIGENCE

cedi, ceil, cid, cig, cine, dei, deil, den, dice, die, dig, diligence, din, dine, eild, ged, gen, genic, genie, genii, gid, gie, gied, gien, gild, gilden, gin, ice, iced, ide, lice, lid, lie, lied, lien, lig, lin, line, lined, neg, nice, nid, nide, nidi, niece, nil

(Ref: Chambers English Dictionary)

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THIS WEEK'S EASY CROSSWORD SOLUTION

Across 7 Upper 8 Atonement 10 Hernia 11 Corporal 12 Television set 14 Paddy McGuinness 16 Tonsillitis 19 Honduras 20 Chatty 21 Enveloped 22 Acrid
Down 1 Ephemeris 2 Seinfeld 3 Sticking plaster 4 Intransigence 5 Impose 6 Sneak 9 Magic mushroom 13 Isometric 15 Nutcracker 17 Oodles 19 Count

THE ENIGMA CODE

Can you crack the Enigma code? Each grid number represents a letter. Every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter or letters – below the main grid – to start. The solution is on the previous page.

Difficulty: 16/20 Target time: 32 minutes

		4	24	17	14		18	6	17	24	18	25		
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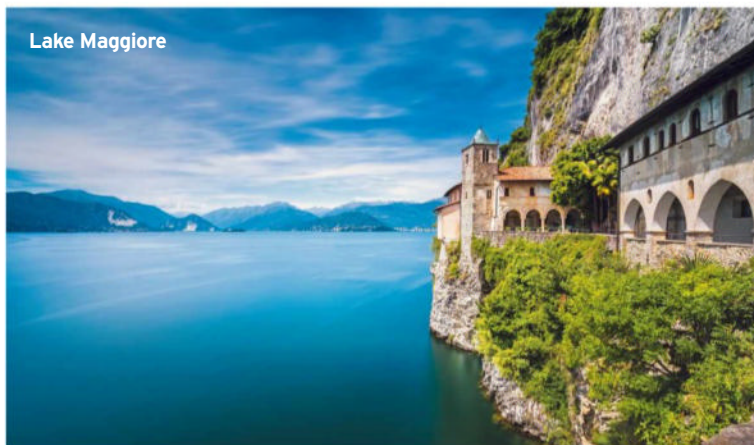
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How to play Here are five musicians' nicknames, the first and last letters of their stage surnames and years of birth. What is the most obscure answer?

MUSICIANS' NICKNAMES

COUNT B___E 1904

DUKE E____N 1899

JELLY ROLL M____N 1890

RED N___O 1908

SATCHMO A_____G 1901

EGGHEADS

with Jeremy Vine

OLAV BJORTOMT

1 Which artist's work was adapted for the cover of the 2009 Manic Street Preachers album *Journal for Plague Lovers*?

a Maggi Hambling b Jenny Saville c Sarah Lucas

2 Kirkby is a town seven miles inland from which city's centre?

a Newcastle upon Tyne b Liverpool c Manchester

CHRIS HUGHES

3 The Heights of Abraham, an alpine-style cable-car attraction, is near which English town?

a Banbury b Matlock c Rye

4 The birth of which fictional character was attended by the incompetent Dr Slop?

a Tristram Shandy b David Copperfield c Tom Jones

BARRY SIMMONS

5 Val McDermid's novel *The Wire in the Blood* takes its title from

a quotation from which poet?

a Philip Larkin b Wilfred Owen c TS Eliot

6 Which US president's Secret Service codename was "Rawhide"?

a Bill Clinton b George W Bush c Ronald Reagan

LISA THIEL

7 The Gaping Gill cavern is located in which national park?

a Yorkshire Dales b Snowdonia c Exmoor

8 Which of Henry VIII's wives was married the most number of times?

a Katherine Parr b Anne of Cleves c Jane Seymour

BETH WEBSTER

9 In 2011, whose album *Let England Shake* made her the first musician to win a second Mercury Prize?

a Annie Lennox b PJ Harvey c Beth Orton

10 The male of which bird species has a booming call that has earned it the title of Britain's loudest bird?

a Guillemot b Cormorant c Bittern

DICTIONARY CORNER

Susie Dent



Phrase of the week Parting shot

Nothing is more satisfying than landing a cutting remark right at the moment of leaving. Many of us only

think of the perfect one on the way out – in French, *l'esprit de l'escalier*, or "staircase wit". The original version of this expression was "Parthian shot". The Parthians inhabited the ancient

kingdom of Parthia, southeast of the Caspian Sea in present-day Iran. Parthian horsemen were known for rapid manoeuvres that baffled enemies, but it was one strategy in particular that gained them notoriety. The horsemen would pretend to flee from battle, then turn in their saddles and discharge their missiles backwards. The Parthian shot was often lethal. By the 19th century, as the Parthians' history faded, "parting shot" became the logical successor to the original.

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1960s

1 Cliff Bennett & the Rebel Rousers achieved two top ten hits during the 60s. The first was

One Way Love, but what was the second?

2 Who duetted with Bobbie Gentry on their 1969 hit, *All I Have to Do Is Dream*?

1970s

3 George Harrison had a top three album in 1973 – what was it called?

4 Which of these three top ten hits by Gladys Knight & the Pips scored the highest chart position: was it *Baby Don't Change Your Mind*, *The Best Thing That Ever Happened to Me* or *Midnight Train to Georgia*?

1980s

5 Which group topped the charts in 1988 with their single *He Ain't Heavy, He's My Brother*?

6 What was the title of the 1987 top 20 hit achieved by producers Stock Aitken Waterman in their own right?

1990s

7 In 1997, Supergrass made the top three with which song?

8 *Charlie Big Potato* was a 1999 top 20 hit for which British rock band?

2000s–present day

9 In 2004 Busted topped the charts with their double A-sided hit *Thunderbirds* and which other song?

10 Name the band that entered the charts at number one in 2023 with their album *From Nothing to a Little Bit More*.

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Feedback

EDITED BY JANE HILL

KEEP IT LOCAL

The BBC constantly advises us to keep up to date with travel problems and flood and storm alerts via our local radio station. But how are we to do this when, during the evenings and overnight, particularly at weekends, the programmes are no longer local?

Radio Newcastle was our only source of information (via a battery-powered radio) when Storm Arwen struck in November 2021 and we lost all power and mobile phone signals.

How are we to find out what is happening in our locality when we have no local radio coverage and, in the near future, no landline telephone when BT moves to phones via broadband routers?

Quite apart from removing many popular programmes – particularly those that appeal to older people – the BBC is now, by “sharing” programmes across radio stations, trying to disconnect us from our local area.

Sue Sparrow

Wooler, Northumberland



CLAN-TASTIC
The Barclays on
This Farming Life

BALM OF THE FARM

What joy, pleasure and food for thought the latest series of *This Farming Life* (BBC2) gave us. We saw such hard-working people in different parts of Scotland – with every single family needing to branch out into new ventures in order to keep their farms going as businesses, or

having to find other employment in order to survive.

The children were a delight and an added bonus was the wonderful scenery. I do hope we meet them all again.

Elaine and Brian Wood

Richmond, North Yorkshire

Casting producer Emma Burns tells *Feedback*: “*This Farming Life* will be back for another series as new farmers and crofters share the everyday realities of working the land in Scotland.”

SUNDAY SCUPPERED

Boat Story (BBC1), with its gratuitous violence, isn't for Sunday-night viewing. What is the matter with the BBC's programme commissioners? Drama doesn't have to be about torture and killing; we have enough of that in real life. What's wrong with a bit of escapism? I expect better.

Christine Potter

Windsor, Berkshire

...*Boat Story* has none of the feel-good factor of *Downton Abbey* or *Poldark*. Daisy Haggard and Paterson Joseph are fine, but the grossness of the violence and the body count in episode one (19 November) were disturbing and farcical. A rare bad decision by the BBC.

Rob Leake

Ilminster, Somerset

WELSH GEM

The dark Welsh two-part comedy *Pren ar y Bryn* (S4C) treads an uneasy line between grim reality and warm humanity and held me spellbound. Fortunately, it's available on iPlayer for those of us outside Wales.

Welsh film and TV offer a treasure house and, with subtitles, give us an insight into a vibrant and unique culture. Don't miss it!

Tim Brett Sheffield

BUMP IN THE NIGHT?

Did the writers of *Ghosts* miss a trick in the episode where Kitty believes she is expecting a baby? It was clearly a phantom pregnancy!

Paul Coles

Stourbridge, West Midlands



PROMOTE THEM!

DI “Sunny” Khan (Sanjeev Bhaskar) in *Unforgotten* and DS “Tosh” McIntosh (Alison O'Donnell) in *Shetland*

LETTER OF THE WEEK

A criminal oversight

Two of my favourite series, *Unforgotten* (ITV1) and *Shetland* (BBC1), have both lost their fine leading character – DCI Cassie Stuart (Nicola Walker) and DI Jimmy Perez (Douglas Henshall) respectively – and put in place a feisty, irritable boss with a back story of fractured personal relationships.

This is disappointing as both series had a worthy and popular replacement already in the cast – Tosh (Alison O'Donnell) in *Shetland* and DI “Sunny” Khan in *Unforgotten* – who could have stepped up to be the lead and maintained good relations within their squads, which was the distinctive and welcome feature of each series before. Instead we have distrust and friction.

Kirstine Oswald Bonnyrigg, Midlothian

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A TIMELY, TIMEY TRIBUTE

I was lost in admiration for the beautiful re-creation of *Doctor Who: the Daleks in Colour* (23 November BBC4). A sprawling epic was carefully edited to honour the original yet give it a new lease of life enhanced by the new score and the colourisation.

The care to correct slight “Billy-fluffs” and subtle revisions to the dialogue (the Daleks talk of the Kaleds – their original form, not mentioned in the series until 1974) was masterful. Thank you, *Doctor Who*, for all the joy you have given me over 60 years.

Perry Thomas

Penarth, Vale of Glamorgan

...In *RT* (25 Nov), Jodie Whittaker is called “the first female Time Lord”. Keen *Doctor Who* fans will tell you that this isn't true. Michelle Gomez played Missy, a female Time Lord, when Peter Capaldi was the Doctor. We've seen many other female Time Lords over the years.

Ian Robinson

Hexham, Northumberland
You're quite right. In the 1970s and 80s Tom Baker's Doctor had a Time Lord companion, Romana. Kate O'Mara played renegade Time Lord the Rani. Dinah Sheridan and Claire Bloom are among those who have also played Time Lords.



CLOUDING THE ISSUE

I wish we could have rainfall in inches as well as millimetres. We seem to have moved to metric without apology or government approval, but there are millions of us who are used to and understand the imperial system for certain things, and rainfall is certainly one. I have to get my calculator out when I hear that 33mm of rain fell somewhere.

Richard Statham
Basingstoke, Hampshire

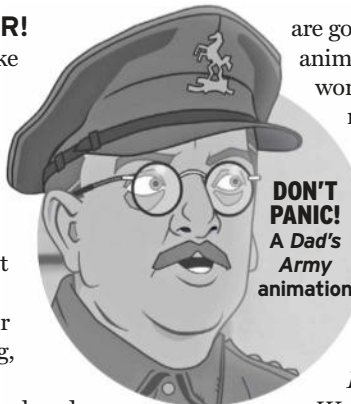
MORE OLIVER!

Please, BBC, make the wonderful Andi Oliver the permanent co-host of *Pointless* (weekdays BBC1). As a guest host, she was a breath of fresh air – funny, engaging, interested in the contestants. The relaxed atmosphere she creates is palpable to us on Britain's sofas.

Her smile is so inclusive, her praise fitting and fulsome. Thank you, Andi, for making a good show brilliant!

Sarah Hinchliffe

Ashbourne, Derbyshire



are good, but as an animation it just didn't work for me, certainly not by today's high standards, and I found myself treating it as a radio programme and just listening.

Anya Spackman
Cheshunt, Hertfordshire

Do you disagree? Write and tell us.

SPORT OF KINGS

I was quite enjoying *Shakespeare: Rise of a Genius* (BBC2), until we were told by one expert (20 November) that the new King James enjoyed hunting and watching horse racing at Newcastle. That's a long way to go for a couple of days' sport! Maybe the course at Newmarket was waterlogged.

The audio equivalent of proof-reading needed?

Bryan King

Kesgrave, Suffolk
Bryan wins a steelbook of Doctor Who: 60th Anniversary Specials, starring David Tennant and Catherine Tate, with exciting extras.



WALMINGTON ALL AT SEA?

Am I alone in finding the recent *Dad's Army: the Animations* (Gold) underwhelming? As drawings, the pictures

ENGAGING
Andi Oliver was a guest co-host on *Pointless* with Alexander Armstrong

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JAMES O'BRIEN

The opinionated phone-in host on *Midsomer Murders* – and why he left the BBC

What's the view from your sofa?

We're in the middle of building work, so we have a makeshift sitting room. There's a grand piano, which we inherited. As it turns out it's more expensive to get rid of a grand piano than it is to let people buying the house keep it. The telly is precariously perched on a bookcase. Four of us sit in close proximity and it becomes a cosy den.

Do you, your wife Lisa and two daughters watch TV together?

It's a big thing of mine to watch together. I wouldn't say it's a losing battle, but it is a difficult one. My daughters inhale a box set! They're also that generation that's allergic to linear television. We watch gentle crime dramas – *Midsomer Murders* and *Death in Paradise* – and on Monday nights we do the triple quiz run of *Mastermind*, *University Challenge* and *Only Connect*.

Did you always want to be a journalist?

Unimaginatively, I followed my dad into his profession, as he was a newspaper journalist. I was selling suits on Regent Street, having been turned down for every traineeship under the sun. John Major came in and bought a white suit and I gave the story to the *Daily Express*. When they offered to pay me, I asked for shifts instead. I got my foot in the door and never left.

You often get angry during your show Does that take its toll?

The day-to-day diet of news doesn't really affect me deeply. There's a bit of exposure therapy in play. It's like working in a chocolate factory – you go off chocolate after the first week. There are exceptions – recent events in the Middle East and the Grenfell Tower tragedy have taken a toll.

Why did you have to leave *Newsnight*?

Sometimes it seemed, particularly at the BBC, that if you had someone on who believed the Earth is round, they'd

have to book someone who believed the Earth is flat for what they like to call “balance”. I think it's bonkers. At the time, I needed to be opinionated in my other work about Brexit, Donald Trump and Boris Johnson. Now all three of those have turned out fantastically, I obviously feel very stupid.

Some videos of your LBC show go viral and the criticism you receive on social media can be brutal. Does that hurt?

I used to get into lengthy rows with people, but now I use the safety functions on social media to steer clear of most of the unhinged nastiness. If you offer up opinions for money, then the price is receiving pungent opinions from people who aren't getting paid. It's a fairly clear trade-off for all the amazing stuff that has happened in my career.

Why did you want to write a book called *How They Broke Britain*?

Simply because so many really stupid things have happened in our country in a relatively short period of time. One of the key questions was: how did we end up with Boris Johnson as prime

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FIRST TV MEMORY
I remember my dad laughing to *The Two Ronnies* and *Morecambe and Wise*.

minister? I think it's a consequence of three engines of influence: the current iteration of the Tory Party, which is very right wing and very ugly; the right-wing media; and these weird so-called “think-tanks”. I thought that other people couldn't see what I could, so I've written it all down.

So, you won't be tuning in to watch Nigel Farage on *I'm a Celebrity*...?

I'm deeply troubled by an Enoch Powell tribute act being taken as a valid contributor to public discourse, let alone a suitable candidate for light entertainment. It's hard to think of anyone who's suffered profound reputational damage by going on that show, which is odd as we tune in expecting people to shame or embarrass themselves. Even Matt Hancock came out with his reputation temporarily enhanced. I suspect anyone hoping that Farage's mask slips will be disappointed. **KELLY-ANNE TAYLOR**

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